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ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY
AND DISPENSARY
WIGAN.

71st ANNUAL REPORT
Year ending March 31st, 1944

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From 1944

The cost of maintaining the Infirmary during the year ending March 31st, 1944, was :—

£959 10s. 3d. per week.

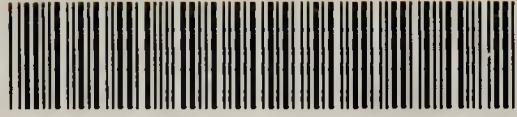
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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF HOUSE VISITORS.

WITH SPECIAL MONTHS FOR VISITORS.

Abbott, C. H.	Nov.	April	Lynch, J. T.	Sept.	Feb.
Ashton, W.	Sept.	Mar.	Mather, Herbert	Dec.	May
Banks, W. (Orrell)....	Oct.	May	Mather, W.	Oct.	April
Banks, W. (Standish) ..	Aug.	Feb.	Miller, George	Nov.	May
Bibby, R.	July	Jan.	Miller, W. T.	Mar.	July
Bolton, Wm. Tickle....	Aug.	Feb.	Morgans, W. H.	Sept.	Mar.
Bradshaw, Arthur	Aug.	Feb.	Parr, Richard	Sept.	June
Brown, Thomas	July	Jan.	Pendleton, Hy....	Sept.	June
Brown, Wm.	Jan.	July	Pennington, George	Oct.	April
Burrows, Walter	Nov.	Mar.	Price, Joseph	Nov.	May
Cadman, J. A.	Sept.	Feb.	Roberts, Frank Wm. ..	Aug.	Feb.
Cunliffe, Mrs. L.	Nov.	June	Simm, Mrs. E.	Dec.	June
Davies, T. Lloyd.....	Oct.	Mar.	Smith, Miss M.....	Dec.	June
Dickenson, Mrs. A. B.	July	Jan.	Smith, Wm.	Sept.	Mar.
Fawcett, Wm. J.....	May	Oct.	Speakman, Sydney	Feb.	June
Finch, James	Oct.	May	Stamper, P. A.	Dec.	June
Finney, R.....	Sept.	Mar.	Stretton, Robert	Sept.	Mar.
Fisher, Geo. Henry	Oct.	June	Willis, John Ernest	Sept.	April
Fishwick, J.	Dec.	June	Winstanley, David H... .	Oct.	April
Foster, Mrs. M.....	Aug.	Feb.	Winstanley, Stephen ..	Dec.	June
Foster, John	July	Jan.	Winstanley, Thomas ..	Aug.	Feb.
Frodsham, J. W.....	Oct.	April	Woods, Allan	July	Jan.
Hand, A.	July	April	Wright, W.....	Oct.	Feb.
Hilton, W.....	May	Oct.			
Hughes, Thos.	Oct.	May			
Johnson, Robert	Dec.	June			
Jones, Mrs. S.	Sept.	Mar.			
Latham, J.	July	Jan.			
Lonsdale, F.	Aug.	Feb.			
Lowe, J. H.	Oct.	April			

Clergymen and Ministers of all denominations may visit the Institution at any time consistent with the condition and wishes of the Patients, and the proper and convenient state of the Wards.

ENDOWED BEDS. (17)

- Mr. George W. Hayes (5 Beds), "In memory of 2nd Lt. Harry Urmson Hayes."
- The late Mr. Geo. Southern, "In memory of his Mother."
- Abbey Lakes Gala Committee, "In memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War."
- The late Mrs. Annie Wheelton, "In memory of her late brother Thomas Catterall, of Fairhurst House, Upholland."
- The late Dr. John Buchanan.
- Mr. Harold Topping and family, "In memory of their parents."
- Mr. G. A. Christopher, "In memory of Mr. Richard Christopher."
- The late Mr. George Goodwill Marsh, "The Florence Lilian Marsh Bed."
- The Ladies' Linen League, "The Queen Mary Bed."
- The late Mr. Charles Hartley, "The Charles Hartley Bed."
- The late Mr. J. A. Atherton, "The J. A. Atherton Bed."
- The Rev. Wm. Thomas, "In memory of his wife, the late Mrs. Annie Bagnall Thomas."
- "In memory of the late Mr. W. J. Eastwood."

ENDOWED COTS. (20)

- Mr. Richard Christopher (2 Cots).
- "In memory of the late Mr. John Smith," by the members of his family (2 Cots).
- "In memory of the late Dr. Charles Holding Wright, of Wigan."
- "In memory of the late Margaret Wright, of Wigan."
- "In memory of the late Thomas Wright, of Wigan."
- "In loving memory of Jack Prestt, who died 13th March, 1919," by the members of his family.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Prestt and family, "In memory of their friend, Lorenzo Littlehales, who died 16th January, 1918."
- Mr. and Mrs. George Bradshaw, of Southport, "In loving memory of their first grandchild, Donald Bonar Wood, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonar Wood, of Parbold."
- The Lancashire Professional Bowlers' Association.
- The Wigan and District Dramatic Society (3 Cots).
- His Worship the Mayor of Wigan (Councillor W. Atherton). Special Appeal, 1933. (2 Cots.)
- Miss Smith, Clifton Crescent, Wigan, "In memory of the late Mrs. Annie Bagnall Thomas."
- Mrs. Thos. Ainsworth, "The Cedars," Mariebonne, Wigan, "In memory of the late Mr. Thos. Ainsworth."
- The Wigan Football Club Ltd.
- "In memory of the late Councillor E. Walkden."

BEDS SUPPORTED BY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- The Wigan County Police Sports (1 Bed).

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- The Wigan and District Amateur Operatic Society.
- The Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. (2 Cots).
- The Wigan Cot Ball Committee.
- The Bamfurlong Hotel Voluntary Help Committee.

There is no better or more appropriate way of perpetuating the memory of a departed relative or friend than the endowment of a bed. It is the highest form of benefit conferable upon the Infirmary, as it ensures a perpetual income for the carrying on of a noble work.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the GOVERNORS was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wigan, on Tuesday, June 20th, 1944, at 7-0 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor of Wigan (Alderman H. Dowling, J.P.), in the Chair.

It was unanimously resolved :—

“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting dated 22nd June, 1943, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read, and confirmed.”

The Report and Financial Statement were submitted by the General Superintendent and Secretary.

It was proposed by Mr. CYRIL E. MARSDEN, J.P., seconded by Mr. B. D. HALLETT, supported by HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF WIGAN (Alderman H. DOWLING, J.P.), and resolved :—

“That the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1944, be adopted.”

It was proposed by Mr. A. CLARKE, J.P., seconded by Mr. J. J. FORTUNE, J.P., and resolved :—

“That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Board of Management, the Medical Staff, the Dental Surgeon, the Treasurer, the Solicitor, and the House Visitors, for their honorary services during the past year.”

It was proposed by Councillor T. MASON, J.P., seconded by Mr. JAMES STARR, and resolved :—

“That the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford be the President. That the following be Life Vice-Presidents (in accordance with Rule 7) :—Mr. R. Thorley Johnson, Mr. A. M. Lamb, Lord Gerard of Bryn, Sir R. J. N. Neville, Bart., Mr. Sidney R. Park, Mr. A. O. Smith, Mr. Sydney J. Marsden, Mr. Cyril E. Marsden, Mr. J. H. Green, Mr. E. G. Poole. And that the following be Vice-Presidents :—His Worship the Mayor of Wigan, Alderman R. Lewis, Rev. Canon W. O. Hunter Rodwell, Mr. W. Foster, M.P., Mr. T. J. Brown, M.P., Mr. R. B. Mawson, Mr. John Dean, Mr. H. A. Scott Barrett, Mr. R. Alstead, and Mr. V. F. Abbott.”

It was proposed by Mr. W. B. VINCENT, seconded by Mr. R. K. CROOK, and resolved :—

“ That Mr. E. D. Smith be the Treasurer, and he, with the President, Life Vice-Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and the following, together with four of the Hon. Medical Officers (one of whom must be an Assistant Hon. Medical Officer), be the Board of Management for the ensuing year : Mr. A. J. Beesley, Mr. Frank W. Boggis, Mr. T. M. Broadie-Griffith, Mr. O. J. DAVIS, Mr. B. D. Hallett, Mr. T. Kenyon, Mr. Harold Lowe, Mr. T. Mason, Mr. F. G. Mulligan, Mr. C. T. Naylor, Mr. G. J. G. Pendlebury, Mr. G. Phillips, Miss M. Plumpton, Mr. J. Starr, Mr. E. Taylor, Mr. I. Webster, Mr. Jas. Willcox, and Mr. W. Williams.”

It was proposed by Mr. B. D. HALLETT, seconded by Mr. V. H. ABBOTT, and resolved :—

“ That Messrs. Holmes and Turner be the Auditors and ex-officio Governors, and that the following be the House Visitors for the ensuing year : Mrs. L. Cunliffe, Mrs. A. B. Dickenson, Mrs. M. Foster, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. E. Simm, Miss M. Smith, Messrs. C. H. Abbott, W. Ashton, W. Banks (Orrell), W. Banks (Standish), R. Bibby, W. Tickle Bolton, Arthur Bradshaw, Thos. Brown, Wm. Brown, Walter Burrows, J. A. Cadman, T. Lloyd Davies, W. J. Fawcett, James Finch, R. Finney, Geo. Hy. Fisher, J. Fishwick, John Foster, John Wm. Frodsham, A. Hand, W. Hilton, T. Hughes, R. Johnson, J. Latham, F. Lonsdale, J. H. Lowe, J. T. Lynch, Herbert Mather, W. Mather, G. Miller, W. T. Miller, W. H. Morgans, R. Parr, Hy. Pendleton, Geo. Pennington, Jos. Price, F. W. Roberts, Wm. Smith, S. Speakman, P. A. Stamper, R. Stretton, J. E. Willis, D. H. Winstanley, Stephen Winstanley, Thos. Winstanley, Allan Woods, and W. Wright.”

A most interesting and informative address was given by Mr. R. L. Newell, F.R.C.S. (Chairman of the British Medical Association Hospitals' Committee), on the Government White Paper in connection with a National Health Service, which was greatly appreciated by the Governors.

It was proposed by Mr. FRANK W. BOGGIS, J.P., seconded by Dr. J. FOREMAN BERRY, J.P., and resolved :—

“ That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to His Worship the Mayor for presiding, and for the use of the Council Chamber, also to Mr. R. L. Newell for his kind attendance and address.”

H. DOWLING, Chairman.

71ST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Management have pleasure in submitting the SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT of the Infirmary, together with a Statement of the Income and Expenditure for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1944.

The Board are most grateful for the generous support which the Infirmary continues to receive during these difficult times. In this connection a tribute should be paid to the voluntary assistance rendered at the Infirmary in various ways. This practical help, especially in the laundry and on the domestic side, is warmly appreciated.

The number of patients who received treatment and advice was 28,123, compared with 27,564 last year. The Waiting List at the close of the year was 750, compared with 466 last year.

In addition, 538 patients were treated in the Christopher Private Patients' Home, where 373 operations were performed. The demands made upon the services of the Home (which is entirely self-supporting) have been fully maintained, and at times there has been a waiting list for admission.

In connection with the Fracture Department "A" established under the Ministry of Health Emergency Hospital Scheme, the facilities for rehabilitation are being developed so far as our limited accommodation will permit. It will be realised that these developments call for the completion of the outstanding extensions as soon as ever practicable, as the greater part will be used for orthopaedic purposes.

The Infirmary Blood Transfusion Service continues with its vitally important work. **Many more blood donors are very urgently needed** to replace those who have been called away and to meet the increased demands. Volunteers should kindly communicate with the Department of Pathology of the Infirmary, when the necessary arrangements for enrolment will be made. The Board would like to see a much larger rota and earnestly appeal for more volunteers.

The White Paper recently published by the Government on a National Health Service is receiving the serious consideration of the Board.

In connection with the recommendations contained in the Beveridge Report on Social Insurance, they have already stated it is their earnest desire that the voluntary hospitals should be incorporated in any national health scheme, on the lines indicated by successive Ministers of Health, always bearing in mind the outstanding objective, viz., the welfare of the patient, which has ever been the guiding principle governing the policy of the Board.

Following the publication of the White Paper, a Conference was convened by the British Hospitals Association, and after a lengthy discussion the following Resolution was carried unanimously:—

That this Conference representing the Voluntary Hospitals of Great Britain records its full sympathy with the Government's intention to secure a co-ordinated hospital and consultant service and to make such service accessible to every member of the community regardless of his or her income.

That this Conference records its appreciation of the reference in the White Paper to the value of the voluntary hospitals' services and to the necessity for their retention, but views with grave concern the proposals with regard to administration and finance.

That the suggested administration does not constitute that partnership between Local Authorities and Voluntary Hospitals which has been the avowed intention of successive Ministers of Health, and which is an essential requisite to the effective participation of the voluntary hospitals and therefore to the accomplishment and efficiency of the Scheme, and does not (except partially in the case of Scotland) furnish a suitable organisation.

That the financial proposals are inconsistent and also unacceptable in that they afford part payment only to the voluntary hospitals for their services rendered under the scheme, whilst postulating that the financial gap thus caused must be filled by benefactions and other voluntary gifts ; and, at the same time, by the offer of free service for all, destroy the incentive of the public as a whole either to give or contribute.

That the Minister be invited to reconsider the proposals in the light of this resolution.

The Board have expressed their approval of the Resolution, and trust that as a result of further discussions which the Minister of Health may have with the Executive Committee of the British Hospitals Association, every consideration will be given to these matters, which are of fundamental importance.

The voluntary hospitals of this country, after eight centuries of service, look not only to the continuance of their existence and the preservation of their standards and ideals, but to an extension of their service, which at the same time will utilise all that is valuable in their tradition.

The Board have adopted the recommendations contained in the Hetherington Report on wages and conditions of employment of domestic workers in Hospitals, etc., to take effect as from April, 1944. This will entail a further very considerable increase in expenditure under this heading. The adoption of this Report means the giving of first priority by the Ministry of Labour to domestic work in hospitals, and in return, the Board consider they are entitled to expect that an adequate supply of suitable workers will be forthcoming. The highest degree of preference has never before been given to hospital requirements, save only in respect of nursing, and it is a source of satisfaction to know that at long last the Government has taken this strong action. The position at the Infirmary for a considerable time has been a cause of much concern, owing to the shortage and uncertain attendance of the non-resident domestic helpers, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that we have, so far, avoided any curtailment of our services, which would be nothing short of a calamity. The ideal solution is an adequate number of resident domestic staff, or failing this the regular attendance of a sufficient number of non-resident domestic helpers throughout the whole of the week.

Patients' Statistics.

Included in these statistics are military and civilian cases treated under the Ministry of Health Emergency Medical Service.

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IN-PATIENTS TREATED TO A CONCLUSION.

					1943-44.		1942-43.
Medical	708	...	723
Surgical	2768	...	3209
Ear, Nose, and Throat	...	...	...	...	554	...	583
Eye	...	...	...	...	141	...	164
					<u>4171</u>	...	<u>4679</u>
The Christopher Private Patients' Home					<u>538</u>	...	<u>523</u>
					<u>4709</u>	...	<u>5202</u>

Details of the above cases will be found in the Resident Medical and Surgical Officer's Report on pages 40 to 53.

OUT-PATIENTS.

		NEW CASES.		ATTENDANCES.	
		1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.
Medical	...	1499	1524	4164	4501
Surgical	...	3108	3233	13724	13756
Casualties	...	3626	3482	9726	9687
Ear, Nose and Throat	...	1153	1099	4283	4536
Eye	...	1391	1388	8125	7762
Orthopaedic	...	3357	3222	15946	16089
Dental	...	135	131	443	262
Skin	...	822	799	11359	11619
Venereal Diseases	...	470	417	10909	11209
Massage	...	922	858	11128	11198
Electrical Treatment	...	1023	986	12543	13088
X-ray	...	5939	5214	8230	7325
Radium	...	122	133	1007	968
Light	...	112	123	5408	4949
Medicated Baths	...	160	170	1717	1530
Cardiological	...	113	106	119	118
		<u>23952</u>	<u>22885</u>	<u>118831</u>	<u>118597</u>

37,040 prescriptions were made up for Out-patients during the year. (Last year, 38,664).

X-Ray Department.

		1943-44.	1942-43.
Number of patients radiographed	...	8344	7851
Number of screen examinations	...	1540	1042
Number of treatments given	...	201	146

Total of In-Patient Attendances at the various Departments :—

		1943-44.	1942-43.
Skin	...	974	1198
Massage	...	1240	2059
Electrical Treatment	...	274	490
X-Ray	...	1302	1552
Light	...	256	118
Medicated Baths	...	639	342
Cardiological	...	107	64
		<u>4792</u>	<u>5823</u>

The following Operations have been performed :—

		1943-44.	1942-43.
Major ...	...	2588	...
Minor ...	...	3262	...
		5850	6101

Thirty-one cases have been sent to Convalescent Hospitals, etc., as follows :—

Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, 18; Southport Children's Sanatorium, 3; Ilkley Convalescent Home, 10.

The daily average number of occupied beds was :—

Infirmary ...	...	169.29 ; last year 173.06.
The Christopher Private Patients' Home	...	21.59 ; , , 21.48.

Finance.

	£ s. d.
The Maintenance Account Income for the year ending March 31st, 1944, was	... ... ... 68,003 5 7

And the Maintenance Account Expenditure ... 49,331 11 8

The Total Income was :—

	£ s. d.
Maintenance Account ...	... 68,003 5 7
Endowment Fund ...	... 5,073 6 5
Building Fund ...	... 1,418 1 3
Convalescent Hospital, etc., Fund ...	... 6 3 3
Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory Fund ...	2,886 11 7
The Christopher Private Patients' Home ...	... 10,075 1 10
	£87,462 9 11
Last year ...	... £79,943 16 8

The Total Expenditure was :—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ordinary Maintenance Account .	47,778 9 2	
Extraordinary Maintenance Account .	1,553 2 6	49,331 11 8
Endowment Fund ...	... 3,699 4 0	
Building Fund ...	... 20,090 16 3	
Convalescent Hospital, etc., Fund ...	... 9 15 0	
Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory Fund ...	3,444 11 1	
The Christopher Private Patients' Home ...	... 8,605 12 9	£85,181 10 9
Last year ...	... £72,448 14 6	

The Maintenance Account Income shows an increase of £3,688 0s. 1d., compared with the preceding year, and the Maintenance Account Expenditure has increased by £6,327 8s. 5d. This is mainly due to the continued increase in the cost of Hospital commodities generally, and to the further increases in the nursing and domestic staff salaries. Other outstanding items of expenditure include the purchase of a portable X-Ray Apparatus and a Gastroscope, the combined cost being £390. A special supply of instruments for the Ear, Nose and Throat Department have been obtained at a cost of £129 19s. 9d. These are all of great value, and their provision is much appreciated by the medical staff.

Cost of Occupied Bed.

The average cost per bed occupied daily during the year (after allowing for out-patients) was £230 8s. 7½d., compared with £200 7s. 1d. during the preceding year; an increase of £30 1s. 6½d. per bed.

The Christopher Private Patients' Home, £398 11s. 9d.

Out-Patient Department.

The cost per out-patient during the year was 9s. 1d., compared with 8s. 2½d. during the preceding year; an increase of 10½d. per out-patient.

Annual Subscriptions.

Annual Subscriptions totalled £2,126 3s. 5d. (last year £2,063 15s. 8d.). The Board would like to see this amount considerably increased, having regard to the wide area served by the Infirmary, and particularly appeal for new annual subscriptions of 10s. 6d. and upwards.

Subscribers wishing to increase the funds of the Infirmary are reminded of the facilities available under the Finance Acts whereby a Covenant may be given for an annual subscription over a period of years, detailed particulars of which will be found on page 57, as it enables the Income Tax on payments to be recovered and increases the amount of the subscription by the addition of the sum refunded. The amount of tax recovered last year was £200 8s. 4d.

Hospital Sunday.

The total of the Collections made in Churches, Chapels and Schools was £947 3s. 11d., an increase of £46 8s. 9d., compared with the previous year. The Board are most grateful that the substantial increase in the Collections last year has more than been maintained.

Contributory Scheme.

The amount received from the Contributory Scheme was £33,203 3s. 7d., a decrease of £782 5s. 10d., compared with the previous year. The approximate number of contributors at the close of the year was 70,000.

Under the reciprocal arrangements with other Hospitals for the treatment of contributors under the Scheme payments amounting to £4,252 2s. 2d. have been received in respect of their contributors treated here, and corresponding payments amounting to £2,415 19s. 0d. have been made for the treatment of our contributors. Including these payments the total amount received was £37,455 5s. 9d., compared with £37,141 1s. 9d. the previous year.

The Board are desirous of expressing their warmest thanks to all contributors and collectors, and other voluntary workers who have materially assisted in making this excellent result possible. They are also grateful to the many employers for their kind co-operation and support.

Patients' Contributions.

The contributions made to the Inquiry Officer towards the cost of maintenance and treatment amounted to £1,309 1s. 6d. (In-patients, £1,060 16s. 3d.; Out-patients, £248 5s. 3d.), compared with £1,078 6s. 1d. last year. The Board are most grateful for these contributions, and appeal to those patients (not in the Contributory Scheme) where circumstances permit to help in this way.

Bequests.

The Board acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of the following legacies during the year :—

	£	s.	d.
The Exors. of the late Mr. Thomas Magee ...	1,000	0	0
The Exors. of the late Mr. Harold H. Constantine...	716	10	7
The Exors. of the late Mr. G. A. Christopher ...	606	8	7
(further distribution of residuary estate.)			
The Exors. of the late Miss Ann Monks ...	450	0	0
The Exors of the late Mr. Thomas Barrington	385	15	0
The Exors of the late Miss Betsy Bradburn	374	2	5
The Exors. of the late Miss Elizabeth Murphy	227	9	10
The Exors. of the late Mr. Robert Mason ...	100	0	0
The Exors. of the late Mr. John Watson ...	25	0	0
The Exors. of the late Florence Ada Collins	25	0	0
The Exors. of the late Mr. John Hitchmough	25	0	0

These legacies were all invested in 3 per cent. Local Loans, with the exception of the last three, which were placed to the credit of the Maintenance Account.

Memorial to the late Mr. W. J. Eastwood.

A bed, bearing a suitably inscribed tablet, has been endowed in memory of the late Mr. W. J. Eastwood in the North Ward, where he carried out so much of his orthopædic work. For this purpose the sum of £1,213 was subscribed in a very short time by many of his friends and patients who had expressed a desire that his outstanding and devoted services at the Infirmary should be suitably perpetuated. With many donations there came moving tributes from patients, expressing their gratitude for the great skill and kindness they had received at the hands of Mr. Eastwood. The Board are particularly pleased that his memory has been perpetuated in such a fitting manner. The bed was dedicated by the Rev. A. M. Whitehead at a service held in the Infirmary Chapel, when an address was given by the Rector of Wigan, the Rev. Canon W. O. Hunter Rodwell.

Donations.

The following Donations of £20 and upwards have been received and are gratefully acknowledged :—

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
Bamfurlong Hotel Voluntary Help Committee	...	256	0	0
Wigan Consolidated Charities	...	150	0	0
Ashton and Billinge Districts Bowling Handicap	...	140	0	0
Wigan, Orrell and Makerfield Centres, Northern Anglers' Association, proceeds of Angling Con- tests during 1943	...	131	13	3
Wigan Holidays at Home, half proceeds of Mayor's Cricket Match	...	104	9	1
Blackrod U.D.C. Charities Effort, 1942	...	100	0	0
Wigan County Police Sports, 1943	...	100	0	0
Wigan Borough Prize Band, proceeds of Brass Band Concert	...	62	15	0
Wigan Old Boys' R.U.F.C., proceeds of Rugby Football Match, Central Park, 18th April, 1943	...	60	0	0
Springs Branch Voluntary Fund, proceeds of various efforts, per Mr. E. Crook	...	56	9	4
Stubshaw Cross Labour Club	...	41	3	2
Ashton-in-Makerfield Conservative Club, result of Annual Effort by Lady Bowlers	...	38	0	0
Willis and Diggles' Charity	...	37	0	0
Ashton-in-Makerfield Recreation Society	...	35	0	0
"Anonymous"	...	31	10	0
Newtown Memorial Hall and British Legion Club Ltd., Meyrick Street, Wigan	...	30	0	0
Ritz Cinema, Wigan, sale of programmes	...	26	15	10
Wigan Swimming Club, proceeds of Swimming Gala.	...	26	11	0
Lancashire Associated Collieries Ltd., Lancashire House, 47, Peter Street, Manchester, 2, Special Grant	...	25	0	0
Wigan and District Butchers' Guardian Association	...	25	0	0
R.O.F., Risley, Warrington, donation from Works' Fund	...	24	0	0
Bryn Labour Club, proceeds of Concert	...	23	0	0
Mr. J. B. Almond, Standish Brewery, Standish	...	20	0	0
W.V.S., North Ashton, proceeds of Whist Drives	...	20	0	0

Including the above amount of £256 the Bamfurlong Hotel Voluntary Help Committee have raised £500 for the Infirmary since their formation five years ago. The untiring efforts of this most enthusiastic band of workers is warmly appreciated.

Alexandra Rose Day.

The proceeds realised the record sum of £477 19s. 2d. The Board are most grateful for this splendid response, and extend their warmest thanks to His Worship the Mayor of Wigan (Councillor E. Greenhalgh, J.P.), and to all who assisted him in making the event such an outstanding success. Miss A. M. Lopez again acted as Honorary Organising Secretary.

Ladies' Linen League.

The Ladies' Linen League has supplied 426 articles during the year for the use of the patients, and the sum of £195 12s. 0d. has been expended on linen, etc. The members also kindly made a donation of £25 to the Eastwood Memorial Fund.

The Board desire heartily to congratulate the members on another excellent year's work, and would again assure them how much their splendid services are appreciated. The Linen League affords an excellent oppor-

tunity to ladies who desire to render practical service to the Infirmary, and new members will be heartily welcomed.

Pathological and Bacteriological Department.

A detailed report for the year (excluding all outside work) will be found on page 55. The Laboratory work continues to increase, particularly the outside work. It is pleasing to observe that more Local Authorities are making use of the facilities available.

The Board have again been pleased to renew their arrangements with the Lancashire Insurance Committee and the Barrow Insurance Committee, to supply Stock and Autogenous Vaccines to the order of the Insurance Practitioners at an agreed scale of charges, and to report upon any material sent for examination.

Tinfoil and "Silver" Paper.

The collection of Tinfoil and "Silver" Paper has declined for obvious reasons, but the large quantity of 13 tons 6 cwts. 37 lbs. has been received since the inauguration of the scheme. As a result the Infirmary has benefited to the extent of £339 4s. 4d.

Extensions and Improvements.

The Board have much pleasure in reporting that, after very careful consideration, they have agreed to purchase Sunnyside Mansions Hotel, Southport, to be used for the following purposes:—

- (a) Convalescent Home.
- (b) Post-operative cases, to assist in relieving the large waiting list for admission.
- (c) Preliminary Training School for Nurses.

The Hotel is ideally situated and most suitable in every way for the purposes in view, and will undoubtedly prove to be a great asset. When the extensions are completed at the Infirmary, it is possible that we may be able to use "Sunnyside" exclusively as a Convalescent Home. It is not expected that we shall be able to obtain possession of the premises before the termination of the war. The Board feel sure their action in providing these valuable additions to our resources will receive the cordial approval and support of the Governors.

A number of minor improvements have been carried out, including the re-conditioning of the Lancaster and Crawford Bathrooms and Sluice Rooms, which had become urgently necessary.

It has been found possible to carry out various internal painting and renovations. All the wards have received attention, as they were entirely omitted during the previous year.

Obituary.

The Board record with deepest regret the death of Mr. Wm. Clarke, Laurel House, Lowton, who was a Life Vice-President and generous supporter of the Infirmary.

Appointment of Treasurer.

Mr. E. D. Smith has been appointed to succeed Mr. C. W. Waghorn as Treasurer of the Infirmary. Mr. Waghorn was keenly interested in its welfare, and the Board are grateful for his valuable help and advice.

Wigan Corporation Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

Mr. Jas. Starr was again appointed to represent the Infirmary Board on this Committee.

Wigan Consolidated Charities.

Mr. Cyril E. Marsden and Mr. Jas. Starr have been appointed as the Infirmary's representative Trustees.

Honorary Medical Staff.

During the year Mr. T. N. A. Jeffcoate tendered his resignation as Honorary Gynaecological Surgeon, owing to the increasing demands made upon his services in Liverpool. The Board desire to accord their warmest thanks to Mr. Jeffcoate for his splendid services during a difficult period, and their appreciation of the successful establishment of a separate Gynaecological Department in connection with his appointment. This is being continued with the appointment of Miss M. H. Mayeur, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., M.R.C.O.G., as Mr. Jeffcoate's successor.

The Board are very pleased to report that Mr. F. C. Dwyer, M.Ch. (Orth.), Liverpool, F.R.C.S.Eng., has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. W. J. Eastwood as Surgeon-in-charge of the Orthopaedic Department. Mr Dwyer formerly assisted Mr. Eastwood and took charge when he left for military service. The high reputation and work of the Department has been admirably maintained by Mr Dwyer, but it became obvious that he was greatly in need of assistance. To meet this, the Board have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. E. H. Strach (a former House Surgeon attached to the Orthopaedic Department), who has been appointed Clinical Assistant to the Department.

Thanks.

In conclusion the Board would tender its thanks to all who have assisted the Infirmary by gifts in money or in kind, and in particular to the following :—

The British Red Cross Society (E.L.50) for their valuable nursing assistance.

The members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who have so readily given their services in connection with a Blood Transfusion Service, and all other blood donors.

The Wigan Branch of Toc. H., for their services in connection with working a Library for the patients.

The Wigan Girl Guides and others for their valuable help in connection with the telephone services.

The Women's Voluntary Service for transport services, who have made regular weekly journeys to Liverpool in connection with our Blood Transfusion Service.

The Police for their help in conveying messages to patients' relatives.

The local Press for their valuable assistance during the year.

The House Visitors, Clergymen, and Ministers of Religion.

The Honorary and Resident Medical Officers and the Officials and Staff of the Infirmary for their assiduous attention to their duties.

Finally, the Board would extend their best wishes to those members of the Staff now on active service, for their safe and speedy return.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

A. STANLEY BRUNT,

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY

May, 1944

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
1943-44.			
To Balance, 31st March, 1943	...		
," Dividends	...		
," Bank Interest	...		
Transferred from Maintenance Account	...		
	25460	17	5
	1398	10	6
	19	10	9
	18000	0	0
	20090	16	3
	24788	2	5
	24788	2	5
To Balance brought forward	...		
	£44878	18	8
	...£24788	2	5
	... £44878	18	8

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year ending 31st March, 1944.

1942-43. £ s. d.	INCOME.	1943-44. £ s. d.	1942-43. £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	1943-44. £ s. d.
ORDINARY.					
I. VOLUNTARY GIFTS—					
1. Subscriptions, Donations, etc.—					
2063 15 8	Annual Subscriptions ...	2126 3 5	4853 8 3	I. PROVISIONS ...	5159 15 3
2893 6 4	Donations ...	3957 17 5	4322 8 8	II. SURGERY AND DISPENSARY—	
269 16 1	Box Collections ...	319 11 0	1465 10 1	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc. ...	4610 14 0
322 15 2	Visitors' Contributions ...	293 0 2	847 7 0	Dressings, Bandages, etc. ...	1348 18 3
5549 13 3		6696 12 0	300 0 0	Instruments and Appliances ...	1090 14 3
28431 12 3	2. Contributory Scheme—		19 10 0	Radium Services ...	300 0 0
762 9 4	Employees' Contributions ...	27306 13 4	7669 11 1	Wines and Spirits ...	19 5 0
4787 0 2	Employers' "	827 16 9		Salaries and Wages of Dispensing Staff ...	565 18 6
4 7 8	Unattached "	5063 12 8		Sundries ...	186 4 6
33985 9 5	Bank Interest ...	5 0 10		Superannuation (Premiums) ...	53 15 0
		33203 3 7			8175 9 6
3155 12 4	Amounts receivable from other Hospitals and Hospital Councils, etc. ...	4252 2 2			
37141 1 9		37455 5 9			
775 10 4	3. Central Funds—				
125 4 10	Hospital Sunday Fund ...	821 7 8	1622 15 1	III. DOMESTIC—	
900 15 2	Children's Hospital Sunday Fund	125 16 3	194 6 7	Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding, Crockery, etc. ...	499 8 4
		947 3 11	280 15 3	Cleaning and Chandlery ...	352 10 2
			2394 5 1	Water ...	279 8 3
			309 11 11	Fuel and Lighting ...	250 7 8 4
			24 18 0	Uniforms ...	212 19 4
				Sundries ...	31 14 0
					3883 6 5
	II. RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES RENDERED.				
	1. Contributions on Account of Services to Patients—				
441 9 6	(a) From Patients and their Societies—				
703 3 0	Private Patients ...	618 1 0	2416 15 5	IV. SALARIES AND WAGES (MAINTENANCE)—	
375 3 1	In-Patients ...	1060 16 3	6063 7 7	Medical ...	2474 18 9
347 4 8	Out-Patients ...	248 5 3	7500 11 11	Nursing ...	8361 0 4
1867 0 3	Insurance Companies—(Motor Accidents) ...	161 14 11	127 0 0	Other Officers and Employees ...	8551 5 4
		2088 17 5		Pensions ...	127 0 0
68 13 0	(b) From Public Authorities—			Workmen's Compensation	
1272 12 8	Treatment of War Pensioners ...	83 14 0		Insurance ...	51 11 2
	" Venereal Diseases	1370 9 3		Superannuation (Premiums) ...	673 15 5
298 14 5	" Non-Pulmonary			First Aid Post ...	498 16 0
	Tuberculosis ...	337 17 5		Haigh Hall—Nursing ...	432 15 8
	" School Children for Tonsils and Adenoids ...	350 6 3			21171 2 8
359 2 9					
41 2 11	" Puerperal Fever ...	— — —	17659 19 7	V. MISCELLANEOUS—	
8 10 6	X-Ray Examinations ...	38 7 0		Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc. ...	682 13 10
134 6 6	Light Treatment ...	131 11 0		Advertisements ...	1 1 3
200 0 0	Radium Services ...	200 0 0		Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc. ...	178 2 7
254 10 0	First Aid Post ...	249 8 0		Garden ...	71 16 4
	Ministry of Health Emergency Medical Services (from 1/3/43 to 31/3/44) 6519 0 0			Sundries ...	96 2 10
	less Medical Fees				1029 16 10
	Paid to 31/3/44 299 9 6	6219 10 6			
6208 18 0		Haigh Hall Annexe ...	1005 9 3	VI. ADMINISTRATION—	
			9986 12 8	Salaries ...	1208 1 6
8846 10 9				Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc. ...	336 1 10
				Advertisements ...	6 17 3
	2. Other Receipts—			Law Charges ...	— — —
6 18 7	Sale of Tin Foil ...	2 19 8		Auditors' Fee ...	31 10 0
68 19 7	Sale of Kitchen Waste, Bottles, etc.	62 19 0		Sundries ...	39 17 3
144 6 10	Rebate on Spirit Duty ...	220 10 2		Superannuation (Premiums) ...	115 10 0
15 19 9	Hire of Bath Chairs and Appliances	20 15 7			1737 17 10
147 13 9	Sundries ...	102 10 11			
383 18 6		409 15 4			
	III. INVESTED PROPERTY.				
6365 16 4	Interest, Dividends, etc. ...	6423 9 8		VII. ESTABLISHMENT—	
142 19 8	Rents ...	142 19 1		Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant ...	2812 4 9
27 7 11	James Brown's Charity ...	30 13 6			
1757 17 10	Income Tax Rebate ...	1555 19 2			
8294 1 9		8153 1 5			
	IV. STATE GRANT TOWARDS RUSHCLIFFE RATES OF SALARIES FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES ...	952 0 0		VIII. FINANCE—	
£62983 1 5	Ordinary Income ...	£66689 8 6		Interest ...	— — —
				Appeals ...	26 4 7
				Rent ...	18 11 5
				Rates and Taxes ...	264 1 8
					308 17 8
	EXTRAORDINARY.				
	I. LEGACIES.				
	The Exors. of the late				
	Mr. Thomas Magee ...	1000 0 0			
	Mr. Harold H. Constantine ...	716 10 7			
	Mr. G. A. Christopher ...	606 8 7			
	Miss Ann Monks ...	450 0 0			
	Mr. Thomas Barrington ...	385 15 0			
	Miss Betsy Bradburn ...	374 2 5			
	Miss Elizabeth Murphy ...	227 9 10			
	Mr. Robert Mason ...	100 0 0			
	Mr. John Watson ...	25 0 0			
	Florence Ada Collins ...	25 0 0			
	Mr. John Hitchmough ...	25 0 0			
1082 15 10		3935 6 5			
520 9 4	II. SPECIAL DONATIONS.				
	Eastwood Memorial Fund, for Endowment of Bed ...	1213 0 0			
	III. GRANTS.				
450 0 0	Lancashire Insurance Committee ...	450 0 0			
20 0 0	Barrow Insurance Committee ...	20 0 0			
191 14 9	IV. MINISTRY OF HEALTH: A.R.P. re-imbursements ...	768 17 1			
2264 19 11	Extraordinary Income ...	6387 3 6			
£65248 1 4					
	TOTAL INCOME ...	£73076 12 0			
	ORDINARY				
	II. SURGERY AND DISPENSARY—				
	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc. ...	4610 14 0			
	Dressings, Bandages, etc. ...	1348 18 3			
	Instruments and Appliances ...	1090 14 3			
	Radium Services ...	300 0 0			
	Wines and Spirits ...	19 5 0			
	Salaries and Wages of Dispensing Staff ...	565 18 6			
	Sundries ...	186 4 6			
	Superannuation (Premiums) ...	53 15 0			
					8175 9 6
	III. DOMESTIC—				
	Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding, Crockery, etc. ...	499 8 4			
	Cleaning and Chandlery ...	352 10 2			
	Water ...	279 8 3			
	Fuel and Lighting ...	250 7 8 4			
	Uniforms ...	212 19 4			
	Sundries ...	31 14 0			
					3883 6 5
	IV. SALARIES AND WAGES (MAINTENANCE)—				
	Medical ...	2474 18 9			
	Nursing ...	8361 0 4			
	Other Officers and Employees ...	8551 5 4			
	Pensions ...	127 0 0			</

ARTIFICIAL LIMB AND CONVALESCENT FUND ACCOUNT.

PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY FUND ACCOUNT.

SUPERANNUATION FUND DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

THE CHRISTOPHER PRIVATE
YEAR ENDING

INCOME.

£ s. d.

PATIENTS' PAYMENTS, etc.:

Maintenance and Nursing	...	...	...	...	...	8591	17	0
Operating Theatre	...	...	...	...	...	388	10	0
X-Ray	...	...	...	...	...	298	4	0
Massage	...	...	...	...	...	57	10	0
Cardiograph	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	0
Special Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	205	14	5
Laboratory	...	...	...	...	...	390	6	0
Sundry Charges	...	...	...	...	...	54	5	1
Bank Interest	...	...	...	...	...	10	9	4
State Grant towards Rushcliffe Rates of Salaries for Nurses and Midwives	...	...	...	...	...	72	0	0

TOTAL INCOME £10075 1 10

To Balance brought forward, 31st March, 1943..	2303	17	0
" " " down...	1469	9	1
	£3773	6	1
To Balance brought forward (surplus) ...	£3773	6	1

PATIENTS' HOME ACCOUNT.

MARCH 31ST, 1944.

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I.	PROVISIONS	1172	16	4			
II.	SURGERY AND DISPENSARY :						
	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.	364	3	6			
	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	273	8	0			
	Instruments and Appliances	52	3	1			
	Salaries and Wages of Dispensing Staff	74	12	8			
	Sundries	15	0	4			
		779	7	7			
III.	DOMESTIC :						
	Renewal and Repairs of Furniture,						
	Bedding, Crockery, etc.	149	2	2			
	Cleaning and Chandlery	65	0	3			
	Water	21	17	9			
	Fuel and Lighting	906	19	1			
	Uniforms	2	19	2			
	Sundries	4	11	3			
		1150	9	8			
IV.	SALARIES AND WAGES :						
	Medical Fees	344	5	0			
	Nursing	2745	19	11			
	Other Officers and Employees ...	1135	4	2			
	Workmen's Compensation Insurance..	5	1	11			
	Superannuation (premiums)	113	15	6			
		4344	6	6			
V.	MISCELLANEOUS :						
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, Tele-						
	phones, etc.	52	7	5			
	Insurance of Buildings, Equipment,						
	Stores, etc....	13	0	1			
		65	7	6			
VI.	ADMINISTRATION :						
	Salaries	196	7	0			
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, Tele-						
	phones, etc.	56	3	9			
		252	10	9			
VII.	ESTABLISHMENT :						
	Renewals and Repairs to Buildings						
	and Plant						
		403	9	5			
VIII.	FINANCE :						
	Rates	63	0	0			
	X-Ray Department Charges	149	2	0			
	Laboratory Charges	195	3	0			
		407	5	0			
	War Damage Insurance	30	0	0			
		8605	12	9			
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE						
	Balance being excess of total Income						
	over total Expenditure	1469	9	1			
		£10075	1	10			
	By Balance carried forward	3773	6	1			
		£3773	6	1			

ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, WIGAN.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST MARCH, 1944.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary for Wigan and District for the year ended 31st March, 1944, and certify that the foregoing Statement of Accounts is correct. We have also examined the Securities for the Investments in the hands of the Westminster Bank Limited, for safe custody, and find that they agree with the Schedule of Investments and Property.

Wigan, 19th May, 1944.

PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS (ENDOWMENT FUND).

INVESTMENTS.		PRICE.	MARKET VALUE.		NET DIVIDENDS.	
			31-3-44.		1943-44.	
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£
1353	0	0	L. M. & S. Railway 4% Preference Stock	76	...	1028
1963	0	0	Ordinary Stock	30 $\frac{1}{4}$	...	593
2390	0	0	do.	30 $\frac{1}{4}$	...	722
399	0	0	do.	105	...	418
72	0	0	4% Debenture Stock	76	...	54
1400	0	0	4% Preference Stock	30 $\frac{1}{4}$	...	423
1287	0	0	Ordinary Stock	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	752
2469	0	0	Preference Stock (1923)	76	...	1876
188	0	0	4% Preference Stock	76	...	142
112	0	0	4% Preference Stock	104	...	116
3470	0	0	L. & N. E. Railway 4% Debenture Stock	114	...	3955
5000	0	0	Southern Railway 5% Preference Stock	114	...	16 0
3000	0	0	Great Western Railway 5% Consolidated Preference Stock	115 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	5775
12450	0	0	Deeds relating to Ground Rent, of £135 per annum, arising out of property in King Street, Wigan, known as Leader's Buildings, in the names of the Trustees	...	...	3000
2098	17	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % War Stock	104	...	12948
4314	19	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % War Stock—Purchased with 1919-20 Donations	104	...	2182
150	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % War Stock, presented by Wigan Charities	104	...	4487
250	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % War Stock (from Pension Fund)	104	...	156
710	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with £500 National War Bonds 1928)	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	260
<hr/>		Carried forward	...	...	...	...
<hr/>		£43076	16 10	...	£39632	15 0
<hr/>				...	£1167	16 11
<hr/>				...	£1167	16 11

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

		INVESTMENTS.		PRICE.		MARKET VALUE.		NET DIVIDENDS.		NET DIVIDENDS. 1942-43.	
£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
430	76	16	10	Brought forward	...	...	...	...	39632	15	0
3000	0	0	Mersey Docks and Harbour Board	at	Cost	3000	0	0	52	10	0
			£3 10s. 0d.	%	...	705	2	9	23	14	6
678	0	4	3½% War Stock (Johnson Legacy Fund)	...	104	...	...	...	...	...	...
1500	0	0	3½% Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, etc.)	...	103 ¾	...	1556	5	0	52	10
146	0	0	3½% Conversion Loan (presented by Mr. S. Melling)	...	103 ¾	...	151	9	6	5	2
2650	18	3	3½% Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Robert Stone)	...	103 ¾	...	2750	6	5	92	15
662	14	4	3½% Conversion Loan (Purchased with gift from Mr. Rd. Christopher)	...	103 ¾	...	687	11	5	23	3
1323	5	1	3½% Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. John Prestt)	...	103 ¾	...	1372	17	6	46	6
530	12	11	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Rachel Parry)	...	93 ¾	...	497	9	7	15	18
587	15	4	3% Local Loans (Purchased with gift from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bradshaw)	...	93 ¾	...	...	...	...	17	12
599	12	3	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Margaret Booth Leach)	...	93 ¾	...	562	2	9	18	0
358	4	6	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Rachel Parry)	...	93 ¾	...	335	16	9	10	14
610	2	1	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Thos. Hamer)	...	93 ¾	...	571	19	5	18	6
1294	16	6	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Wm. Heaton)	...	93 ¾	...	1213	18	0	38	16
									£553588	14	9
									£1583	8	1
								
									Carried forward		
									£557018	18	5

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

	INVESTMENTS.	PRICE.	MARKET VALUE.			NET DIVIDENDS.		
			31-3-44.			1943-44.		
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
70225 13 1	Brought forward	...	...	...	...	67035	7 7	2036 15 6
1763 18 4	3% Local Loans (Purchased with portion of 1927-28 donations)	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	1653	13 5	52	18 0	52 18 0
4700 17 9	3% Local Loans (Purchased with donation from Mr. G. W. Hayes)	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	4407	1 8	141	0 8	141 0 8
4695 3 10	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. F. Knorzer)	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	4401	14 10	140	17 0	140 17 0
1225 6 0	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Annie Wheelton)	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	1148	14 5	36	15 0	36 15 0
628 7 4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with contributions from the Lancashire Professional Bowling Association)	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	651	18 8	21	19 2	21 19 2
1517 5 3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the late Dr. John Buchanan)	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	1574	3 2	53	2 0	53 2 0
1231 12 0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with donation from the Topping family)	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	1277	15 9	43	2 0	43 2 0
621 1 2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with contributions from the Wigan and District Dramatic Society)	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	644	7 0	21	15 2	21 15 2
1287 14 0	3% Local Loans (Purchased with donation from Mr. G. A. Christopher)	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	1207	4 5	38	12 8	38 12 8
1317 16 3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with donation from Col. N. ff. Eckersley)	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	1367	4 7	46	2 0	46 2 0
590 15 8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. John Magee)	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	612	18 9	20	13 2	20 13 2
	Carried forward	...	...	...	...	£2653	12 4	£2653 12 11
			£85982	4 3				
£89805 10 8								

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

	INVESTMENTS.	PRICE.	MARKET VALUE.			NET DIVIDENDS.			NET DIVIDENDS. 1942-43.
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
101800 1 6	Brought forward	...	...	...	97675	1	1	...	3035 16 5
1028 3 5	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. George Goodwill Marsh) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	963	18	3	30	17	0	30 17 0
514 1 8	3% Local Loans (Purchased with donation from Mrs. Thos. Ainsworth) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	481	19	1	15	8	8	15 8 8
514 1 6	3% Local Loans (Purchased with contributions from the Wigan and District Dramatic Society) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	481	18	11	15	8	8	15 8 8
1242 18 6	3% Local Loans (Purchased with funds raised by the Ladies' Linen League for the endowment of The Queen Mary Bed) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	1165	4	10	37	7	8	37 7 8
5000 0 0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the late Col. N. ffarington Eckersley) ...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$...	5187	10	0	175	0	0	175 0 0
5720 8 5	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Col N. ffarington Eckersley) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	5362	17	11	171	12	4	171 12 4
544 1 8	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. John Nevill) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	510	1	7	16	6	8	16 6 8
1118 11 5	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Miss Ann Ellen Sutton) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	1048	13	3	33	11	4	33 11 4
533 4 11	3% Local Loans (Purchased with contributions from Wigan Rugby F.C. Ltd.) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	499	18	4	16	0	0	16 0 0
540 18 8	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. John Stone) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	507	2	6	16	4	4	16 4 4
931 7 0	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Peter Heald) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...	873	2	10	27	18	8	27 18 8
	Carried forward	...	...	...	...	£114757	8	7	£3591 11 2
£119487 18 8									9

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

INVESTMENTS.			PRICE.	MARKET VALUE. 31-3-44.	NET DIVIDENDS. 1943-44.	NET DIVIDENDS. 1942-43.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
119487	18	8	Brought forward	...	...	114757	8	7
318	19	4	3½% War Stock (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Margaret Moss) ...	104	...	331	14	6
592	4	5	3% Local Loans (Purchased with contributions from the Wigan and District Dramatic Society) ...	93½	...	555	4	2
286	14	11	3% Local Loans (The James Henry Stephens' Bequest per Lloyds Bank, Ltd., London) ...	93½	...	268	16	6
229	3	0	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. James Mason) ...	93½	...	214	16	7
196	12	4	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Catherine Chapman) ...	93½	...	184	6	7
679	2	5	3% Local Loans (Purchased with contributions for the endowment of the Edmund Walkden Cot) ...	93½	...	636	13	6
2557	6	8	3% Conversion Loan, 1948-53 ...	102½	...	2428	10	10
2590	8	10	3% Local Loans (Purchased with part balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund Account) ...	93½	...	1110	5	1
1070	2	6	3½% Conversion Loan (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Charles Hartley) ...	93½	...	548	19	8
585	11	8	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. Thomas Wood) ...	103½	...	37	9	2
Carried forward			...	...	...	£123658	1	4
						£3871	13	10
						£3863	8	4

* Including interest on Mortgage Loan to Liverpool Corporation received during the year.

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

		INVESTMENTS.		MARKET VALUE.		NET DIVIDENDS.		NET DIVIDENDS.				
		PRICE.		31-3-44.		1943-44.		1942-43.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
128594	4	9	4%	Consolidated	Loan	...	109 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	10315	14	1
9399	5	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Conversion	Loan	...	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	5789	5	0
5580	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Conversion	Loan	1943-45	100 $\frac{1}{16}$	...	265	6	4
263	10	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	War Stock	...	104	...	22956	10	7	...	
22073	11	9	5%	Redeemable	Stock	1946-	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	5225	0	0
5000	0	0	56	Belfast	Corporation	...	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	5375	0	0
5000	0	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	Redeemable	Stock	1948-	107	...	7490	0	0	
7000	0	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	Redeemable	Stock	1948-	107	...	166	5	0	
10000	0	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Walsall	Corporation	...	104	...	10000	0	0	
5637	6	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Mortgage	Wigan	Corp.	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	5862	15	11
5847	11	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	War Stock	...	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	5482	2	5
1000	0	0	3%	Local	Loans	...	1000	...	1000	0	0	
3138	10	8	3%	Defence	Bonds	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	2942	7	6
1000	0	0	3%	Local	Loans	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	1000	0	0
637	7	11	3%	Savings	Bonds	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	597	11	2
750	0	0	3%	Local	Loans	...	Cost	...	700	0	0	
156	3	7	3%	Mortgage	Loan to	Mr. C. N.	...	...	...	16	5
				Glidewell	at 5%	...	with			5	4	
				3%	Local	Loans	Legacy	from the	Robert			
							late	late	Robert			
							Mr.	Mr.	Robert			
							Meadows)	...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$...		
							...	...	146	8	4
1100	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	National	War	Bonds	(Purchased with	...	4	13	8	
74	10	6	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	legacy	from the	late	Mr. J. W. Hart)	101 $\frac{5}{8}$...	1117	17	6
							interest	on the	27	10	0	
							Endowment	Fund				
							Account)	...	101 $\frac{5}{8}$...		
							...	...	75	14	8
							...	...	1	17	4
							Carried	forward	...	...	1
									£209999	14	10	
									£6367	11	4	
									£6371	3	1	
£212252	2	9										

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

INVESTMENTS.			PRICE.	MARKET VALUE. 31-3-44.	NET DIVIDENDS. 1943-44.	NET DIVIDENDS. 1942-43.
£	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
212252	2	9	Brought forward	...	...	...
1000	0	0	Commonwealth Stock 1961-66 (Gift of the Rev. Wm. Thomas for endowment of bed in memory of his wife, Mrs. Annie Bagnall Thomas)	2½% National War Bonds (Purchased with part balance of the Maintenance Reserve Fund Account) ...	100½ ... 1005 0 0	...
1200	0	0	2½% National War Bonds (Purchased with part balance of the Maintenance Reserve Fund Account) ...	101½ ... 1219 10 0	...	17 10 0
1118	14	6	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. J. A. Atherton) ...	93⅔ ... 1048 16 1	...	30 0 0
20	0	0	3% Savings Bonds (Donation in connection with Orrell, Billing and Winstanley War Weapons Week, 1941) ...	Par ... 20 0 0	...	30 0 0
100	0	0	3% Savings Bonds (Purchased with legacy from the late Mr. J. W. Littler) ...	Par ... 100 0 0	...	3 0 0
108	9	10	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Edward Lawrence) ...	93⅔ ... 101 14 3	...	3 0 0
150	0	0	3% Savings Bonds (Proceeds of meeting at Poolstock, per Councillor T. Kenyon, J.P.)	Par ... 150 0 0	...	3 5 0
156	15	9	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Margaret Brindle) ...	93⅔ ... 146 19 9	...	4 10 0
179	5	11	3% Local Loans (Purchased with legacy from the late Mrs. Margaret Alice Unsworth) ...	93⅔ ... 168 1 10	...	4 14 0
£216285	8	9	Carried forward	...	...	6 1 1
				...	£213959 16 9	£6470 1 4
						£6474 6 6

ENDOWMENT FUND—Cont'd.

ENDOWMENT FUND—Contd.

INVESTMENTS.

PRICE

INVESTMENTS.		PRICE.	MARKET VALUE.	NET DIVIDENDS.	NET DIVIDENDS.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
221548	1 10	74	British Cotton Growing Association Shares, nominal value £1 each (Presented by the Wigan Poor Children's Treat Association)	... 218958 17 11	6547 15 1
53	0 0	53	British Cotton Growing Association Shares, nominal value £1 each (Presented by the Wigan Poor Children's Treat Association)	£1 ... 74 0 0	2 10 11 ...
8	0 0	8	British Cotton Growing Association Shares, nominal value £1 each (Presented by Messrs. Halliday and Constantine Employees)	£1 ... 8 0 0	1 16 5 ...
20	0 0	20	British Cotton Growing Association Shares, nominal value £1 each (Presented by Messrs. Davies and Eckersley, Ltd., Employees)	£1 ... 20 0 0	0 5 6 ...
18	0 0	18	British Cotton Growing Association Shares, nominal value £1 each (Presented by Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Sons, Ltd., Employees)	£1 ... 18 0 0	0 13 9 ...
Income Tax Rebate				... ...	0 11 5
James Brown's Charity				... ...
					6553 13 11
					1555 19 2
					30 13 6
					6495 5 10
					1757 17 10
					27 7 11
£221721	1 10			£8140 6 7	£8280 11 7
£219131	17 11				

PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS (LABORATORY ENDOWMENT FUND).

	INVESTMENTS.	PRICE.	MARKET VALUE. 31-3-44.	NET DIVIDENDS.			NET DIVIDENDS. 1942-43.
				£	s.	d.	
1175 3 7	3% Local Loans (Purchased with donation from Mr. G. W. Hayes) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	1101	14	7	34
183 19 1	3% Local Loans (Purchased with donation from Mr. Harold Sumner) ...	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	....	172	9	2	...
5 0 0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % National War Bonds (Purchased with donation from Mrs. Mary Orrell) ...	101 $\frac{5}{8}$	...	5	1	8	...
				0	2	6	0 2 6
							£40 17 10
£1364 2 8				£1279	5	5	

PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS (BUILDING FUND).

INVESTMENTS.	PRICE.	MARKET VALUE. 31-3-44.	NET DIVIDENDS. 1943-44.	NET DIVIDENDS. 1942-43.

STATISTICAL RETURN OF PATIENTS.

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

A. NUMBER OF BEDS AND IN-PATIENTS.	Year ending.	
	Mar. 31, 1944.	Mar. 31, 1943.
Total number of beds available	189	189
Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	169.29	173.06
Number of Patients in hospital at beginning of year	183	182
Number of Patients admitted during the year	4,176	4,680
Number of Patients in hospital at the end of the year	188	183
Average number of days each Patient was resident ..	14.85	13.50
Total number of In-Patients treated to a conclusion ..	4,171	4,679
Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year who were resident for :		
(i.) 1 day only	964	1,033
(ii.) 2 or 3 days	245	317

B. ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON IN-PATIENTS APART FROM THAT ON OUT-PATIENTS; AVERAGE COST OF EACH IN-PATIENT PER WEEK; AND AVERAGE COST OF EACH IN-PATIENT.

	Year ending March 31, 1944.		
	Expenditure on In-Patients (Pounds only)	Average Cost of Each In-Patient	Average Cost of Each In-Patient.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials)	4,109	0 9 4	0 19 8½
2. Surgery and Dispensary	4,658	0 10 6¾	1 2 4
3. Domestic	3,267	0 7 5¼	0 15 8
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ..	16,517	1 17 6¼	3 19 2¼
5. Miscellaneous	876	0 1 11¾	0 4 2½
6. Administration	1,700	0 3 10½	0 8 1¾
7. Pathological Laboratory	1,835	0 4 2	0 8 9½
STATISTICAL COST	32,962	3 14 10½	7 18 0½
8. Establishment: Renewals and Repairs	2,238	0 5 1	0 10 8½
9. Finance	3,809	0 8 8	0 18 3
TOTAL COST	£39,009	4 8 7½	9 7 0¼

II.—OUT-PATIENTS.

A. NUMBERS.	Year ending.	
	Mar. 31, 1944.	Mar. 31, 1943.
1. Total number of new Out-Patients	23,952	22,885
2. Total number of Out-Patient attendances	118,831	118,597
(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year	—	—
(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	3,626	3,482
(c) Number of Maternity Patients included in No. 1 above	Nil.	Nil.
(d) Number of attendances on Maternity Patients included in No. 2 above ..	Nil.	Nil.

B. ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF OUT-PATIENTS AND AVERAGE COST OF EACH OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCE AND OF EACH OUT-PATIENT.

	Year ending March 31st, 1944.		
	Expenditure on Out-Patients (Pounds only)	Average Cost of Each Out-Patient Attendance.	Average Total Cost of Each Out-Patient.
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials)	£ 1,051	s. d. 2 $\frac{1}{8}$	s. d. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Surgery and Dispensary	3,518	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
3. Domestic	617	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{8}$
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ..	4,653	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 10 $\frac{5}{8}$
5. Miscellaneous	154	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Administration	37	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{3}{8}$
7. Pathological Laboratory	281	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{7}{8}$
STATISTICAL COST	10,311	1 8 $\frac{7}{8}$	8 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
8. Establishment: Renewals and Re-pairs	574	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
TOTAL COST	£10,885	1 10	9 1

THE CHRISTOPHER PRIVATE PATIENTS' HOME.

STATISTICAL RETURN OF PATIENTS.

A. NUMBER OF BEDS AND PATIENTS.	Year ending Mar. 31st, 1944.	Year ending Mar. 31st, 1943.
Total number of beds available	30	30
Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	21.59	21.48
Number of Patients in Home at beginning of year ..	21	22
Number of Patients admitted during the year ..	538	522
Number of Patients in Home at the end of the year ..	21	21
Average number of days each Patient was resident ..	14.67	14.33
Total number of Patients treated to a conclusion ..	538	523
Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year who were resident for :		
(i.) 1 day only	46	61
(ii.) 2 or 3 days	29	34

B. EXPENDITURE ON PATIENTS ; AVERAGE COST OF EACH PATIENT PER WEEK AND AVERAGE COST OF EACH PATIENT.

	Year ending March 31st, 1944.		
	Expenditure on Patients (Pounds only)	Average Cost of Each Patient Per Week.	Average Cost of Each Patient.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials)	1,173	1 0 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 3 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
2. Surgery and Dispensary	779	0 13 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 8 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
3. Domestic	1,151	1 0 6	2 2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ..	4,344	3 17 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 1 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
5. Miscellaneous	95	0 1 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 3 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
6. Administration	253	0 4 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 9 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
7. Establishment	403	0 7 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 14 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
8. Finance	407	0 7 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 15 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL COST	£8,605	7 13 4$\frac{1}{2}$	15 19 10$\frac{3}{4}$

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT

for the year ending 31st March, 1944.

Total number of pieces washed	497,710
Average number of pieces washed weekly	9,571
Cost of Laundry per occupied bed per week	4/-
Cost of Laundry per occupied bed per week (Christopher Private Patients' Home)	6/5½d.
Cost of Laundering per piece	·854d.
Cost of Laundering per 100 pieces	7/1½d.

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. SALARIES AND WAGES :—		
Laundry Hands, etc.	10 21 16 4	
Engineers and Stokers	84 6 2	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	3 13 4	
	1109 15 10	
2. BOARD AND UNIFORM	60 13 1	
3. MATERIALS USED :—		
Soap, Soda, Starch, etc...	134 18 5	
Calender Felts and Sheeting	22 6 3	
Hardware, etc..	2 18 8	
	160 3 4	
4. FUEL, POWER, ETC. :—		
Electricity	104 17 11	
Gas	19 11 4	
Water	37 1 10	
Coal	238 8 5	
	399 19 6	
5. PRINTING AND STATIONERY	2 0 6	
6. ANNUAL CLEANING	— — —	
7. REPAIRS TO PLANT AND MACHINERY	11 8 3	
8. REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS	3 0 5	
9. INSURANCE OF MACHINERY, PLANT AND BUILDINGS	5 16 8	
10. RATES	10 0 3	
	£1,762 17 10	

These amounts are included in the Infirmary and the Christopher Private Patients' Home Income and Expenditure Accounts.

SUMMARY OF IN-PATIENTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1944.

MEDICAL CASES.

	Cured or Relieved.	Un- Relieved.	Died.	Total.
DISEASES DUE TO INFECTION :				
Rheumatic Fever	5	...	1	6
Gonorrhœa	1	...	...	1
Syphilis	9	1	...	10
Septicæmia	1	...	...	1
Influenza	21	...	...	21
Infective Endocarditis ...	1	1	2	4
Pyrexia of unknown origin ...	1	1	...	2
Malaria	4	...	...	4
	43	3	3	49
DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM :				
Toxic Neuritis	1	...	...	1
Sciatica	6	...	...	6
Tuberculous Meningitis ...	1	...	6	7
Disseminated Sclerosis ...	...	2	...	2
Pneumoccal Meningitis ...	2	...	1	3
Meningitis	2	2	3	7
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	4	1	...	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	2	1	8	11
Cerebral Tumour ... ...	...	3	...	3
Cerebral Thrombosis ...	...	...	1	1
Migraine	1	...	...	1
Chorea	6	...	...	6
Epilepsy	4	2	...	6
Psychoses	2	1	...	3
Neuritis, Neurasthenia, and				
Hysteria	15	4	...	19
Hemiplegia ... ...	...	1	...	1
Paraplegia	1	1	...	2
Hiccough	1	...	...	1
	48	18	19	85
DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM :				
Endocarditis	3	2	2	7
Mitral Stenosis	13	...	2	15
Aortic Regurgitation ...	...	...	2	2
Carried forward ...	16	2	6	24

MEDICAL CASES.—Continued.

	Cured or Relieved.	Un- Relieved.	Died.	Total.
DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM (continued):				
Brought forward ...	16	2	6	24
Myocarditis ... ...	...	...	1	1
Myocardial Failure	7	2	6	15
Angina Pectoris	2	...	...	2
Auricular Fibrillation	2	...	...	2
Congenital Abnormality of Heart	2	...	...	2
Syncope and Collapse ...	7	1	...	8
Aneurysm	1	2	1	4
Hyperpiesis	4	3	1	8
Gangrene (Diabetic and Senile)	4	...	1	5
Coronary Thrombosis ...	1	...	1	2
Arteriosclerosis ... ...	...	...	1	1
	46	10	18	74
DISEASES OF THE BLOOD AND BLOOD-FORMING ORGANS:—				10
Pernicious Anæmia	11	...	2	13
Splenic Anæmia ... ...	...	2	...	2
Secondary Anæmia	7	...	1	8
Hypochromic Anæmia	3	...	...	3
Acute Myeloid Leukæmia ...	...	1	...	1
Lymphatic Leukæmia ...	...	...	1	1
Haemophilia	1	...	...	1
Acholuric Jaundice ... ...	...	...	1	1
Rupture of Spleen	1	...	...	1
	23	3	5	31
DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:—				
Acute Bronchitis	3	...	1	4
Chronic Bronchitis	5	2	1	8
Bronchiectasis	2	4	...	6
Asthma	2	1	...	3
Lobar Pneumonia	12	...	5	17
Broncho Pneumonia	7	...	4	11
Chronic and Unresolved Pneumonia	1	...	...	1
Lung Abscess	1	...	2	3
Hæmoptysis	1	...	...	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	...	2	...	2
Plummer Vincent Syndrome ...	1	...	...	1
Carried forward...	35	9	13	57

MEDICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM (continued) :				
Brought forward ...	35	9	13	57
Carcinoma	2	3	5	10
Pleurisy	6	...	...	6
Empyema	10	...	2	12
Hydrothorax	6	...	...	6
Atelectasis	1	...	1	2
	60	12	21	93
DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM :				
Stomatitis	2	...	...	2
Gastritis and Dyspepsia ...	8	...	1	9
Hæmatemesis	5	1	...	6
Enteritis	8	...	2	10
Intestinal Worms	1	1	...	2
Colitis	7	...	2	9
Congenital Megacolon ...	1	...	...	1
Diverticulitis	2	...	...	2
Constipation	9	1	...	10
Intestinal Colic	3	...	...	3
Catarrhal Jaundice	2	...	...	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	...	2	3
Cardiospasm	2	...	...	2
Visceroptosis	1	...	...	1
Diarrhœa	1	...	...	1
	53	3	7	63
DISEASES DUE TO DISORDERS OF NUTRITION OR OF METABOLISM :				
Marasmus	5	...	1	6
Diabetes Mellitus	23	...	7	30
Acidosis	3	...	...	3
Pink Disease	1	...	...	1
Meleana Neonatorum ...	3	...	...	3
	35	...	8	43

MEDICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE SKIN :				
Dermatitis	8	...	...	8
Acute Eczema	4	...	...	4
Impetigo	3	...	...	3
Urticaria... ...	1	...	...	1
Sycosis	1	...	...	1
	17	...	...	17
DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS :				
Acute Nephritis	11	...	2	13
Chronic Nephritis	3	2	3	8
Pyelitis	14	...	...	14
Uraemia	2	2	9	13
Cystitis	7	1	...	8
Hæmaturia (essential) ...	2	...	...	2
	39	5	14	58
GENERAL :				
For Investigation	203	12	...	215
For Convalescent Hospital ...	...	18	...	18
	203	30	...	233
POISONS :				
Various Chemical Poisons ...	8	...	...	8
Drowning	1	...	...	1
	9	...	...	9
TOTAL MEDICAL CASES ...	576	84	95	755

SURGICAL CASES.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM :				
Birth Paralysis				
Paralysis due to Infantile Paralysis	1	...	...	1
Meningocele	1	...	...	1
Concussion	33	...	1	34
	35	...	2	37
DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM :				
Varicose Veins	40	...	...	40
Thrombophlebitis	2	...	...	2
	42	...	...	42
DISEASES OF THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM :				
Tuberculosis	8	...	...	8
Gland Abscess	8	...	...	8
Chronic Adenitis	2	...	...	2
Tuberculosis Cervical Adenitis. ...	11	...	...	11
Tuberculosis Axillary Adenitis. ...	3	...	...	3
Tuberculosis Abdominal Adenitis ...	2	...	...	2
Lymphadenoma ... ... ...	...	...	1	1
Lymphosarcoma	1	1	...	2
	35	1	1	37
DISEASES OF DUCTLESS OR ENDO-CRINE GLANDS :				
Toxic Goitre (Graves' Disease). ...	18	1	1	20
Non-Toxic Goitre	2	...	...	2
Adenoma Thyroid	14	1	...	15
Cyst of Thyroid	1	1	...	2
Adrenal Neoplasm	1	...	...	1
Myxoedema	1	...	...	1
	37	3	1	41
DISEASES OF THE BREAST :				
Breast Abscess	8	...	...	8
Chronic Mastitis	10	...	...	10
Carcinoma	24	4	1	29
Non Malignant Neoplasm ...	11	...	...	11
	53	4	1	58

SURGICAL CASES—Continued.

		Cured or Relieved.	Un- Relieved.	Died.	Total.
DISEASES OF THE TEETH AND GUMS:					
Dental Abscess	...	1	...	...	1
Caries	...	2	...	...	2
Tumours...	...	...	...	1	1
Hæmorrhage of Tooth Socket.	1	...	...	...	1
		4	...	1	5
DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:					
Obstruction of Submaxillary Duct	...	7	...	...	7
Salivary Gland Abscess	...	2	...	...	2
Tumour of Salivary Gland	...	3	...	1	4
Post Cricoid Carcinoma	...	1	...	...	1
Carcinoma of Oesophagus	...	2	3	2	7
Foreign Body in Alimentary Tract	...	8	...	...	8
Gastric Ulcer	...	34	...	4	38
Perforated Gastric Ulcer	...	9	...	2	11
Duodenal Diverticulum	...	2	...	...	2
Duodenal Ulcer...	...	50	1	3	54
Perforated Duodenal Ulcer	...	9	...	2	11
Congenital Pyloric Stenosis	...	3	...	1	4
Carcinoma of Stomach	...	14	8	12	34
Acute Appendicitis	...	207	1	6	214
Chronic Appendicitis	...	68	...	...	68
Regional Ileitis	...	1	...	...	1
Ventral Hernia	...	14	...	...	14
Umbilical Hernia	...	14	...	3	17
Strangulated Umbilical Hernia	...	5	...	3	8
Inguinal Hernia	...	208	...	...	208
Strangulated Inguinal Hernia	...	14	...	...	14
Femoral Hernia	...	48	...	1	49
Strangulated Femoral Hernia	...	17	...	5	22
Intestinal Obstruction	...	5	...	2	7
Malformation of Stomach	...	...	...	1	1
Intussusception	...	2	...	2	4
Volvulus	...	1	...	2	3
Coeliac Disease	...	2	...	...	2
Carcinoma Colon	...	15	2	8	25
Diverticulitis Colon	...	...	...	1	1
Carcinoma Rectum	...	5	3	11	19
Fistula-in-Ano	...	5	...	1	6
Carried forward	...	775	18	73	866

SURGICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM (continued) :				
Brought forward ...	775	18	73	866
Fissure-in-Ano ...	7	...	...	7
Hæmorrhoids ...	49	1	1	51
Rectal Polypus ...	5	...	...	5
Ischio-rectal Abscess and Fistula	12	...	...	12
Prolapse of Rectum ...	16	1	...	17
Anal Stricture ...	3	...	...	3
Acute Pancreatitis ...	...	...	2	2
Carcinoma of Pancreas ...	1	...	3	4
Ascites ...	1	...	...	1
Acute and Chronic Cholecystitis and Gall-stones ...	50	1	7	58
Carcinoma of Gall Bladder ...	...	...	1	1
Acute Peritonitis ...	1	...	...	1
Pelvic Abscess ...	3	...	2	5
Tuberculous Peritonitis ...	3	2	...	5
Carcinomatosis Peritonei ...	1	4	...	5
	927	27	89	1043
DISEASES OF THE GENERATIVE SYSTEM :				
I. DISEASES OF THE MALE REPRODUCTION SYSTEM :				
Phimosis ...	184	...	...	184
Paraphimosis ...	3	...	...	3
Urethral Stricture ...	5	...	...	5
Adenoma of Prostate ...	28	1	12	41
Carcinoma of Prostate ...	5	3	3	11
Abscess of Prostate ...	1	...	1	2
Hydrocele ...	9	...	...	9
Orchitis ...	2	...	...	2
Epididymitis ...	1	...	...	1
Congenital Abnormalities ...	1	...	...	1
	239	4	16	259

SURGICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un-Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE GENERATIVE SYSTEM (continued) :				
II. DISEASES OF THE FEMALE REPRODUCTION SYSTEM :				
Congenital Abnormalities of Vagina	3	...	...	3
Congenital Abnormalities of Uterus and Tubes (excluding Acute Anteflexion)	2	...	...	2
Acute Anteflexion of Cervix...	1	...	...	1
Prolapse of Uterus and/or Vagina	95	1	...	96
Complete Perineal Tear ...	4	...	...	4
Recto-vaginal Fistula ...	1	...	...	1
Vesico-vaginal Fistula ...	1	...	...	1
Retro-displacement of Uterus	4	...	...	4
Vaginitis	5	...	...	5
Erosion of Cervix	11	...	...	11
Endocervicitis, Lacerated Cervix, etc.	20	...	...	20
Chronic Para-metritis	2	...	...	2
Puerperal Endometritis ...	1	...	...	1
Acute Salpingoophoritis and Pelvic Peritonitis	10	...	1	11
Chronic Salpingoophoritis and Pelvic Peritonitis	6	...	...	6
Tuberculous Infection of Genital Tract	3	...	...	3
Bartholinitis	1	...	...	1
Bartholin Cyst	3	...	...	3
Innocent Neoplasm of Cervix (including Polypi)	13	...	...	13
Carcinoma of Cervix	1	2	...	3
Uterine Fibroids	40	...	1	41
Endometrioma	5	...	...	5
Broad Ligament Tumours ...	1	...	...	1
Innocent Neoplasm of Ovary .	25	...	...	25
Malignant Neoplasm of Ovary.	2	...	1	3
Leukoplakia Vulvæ	1	...	...	1
Urethral Caruncle	6	...	...	6
Functional Uterine Hæmorrhage	28	1	...	29
Unclassified Dysmenorrhœa ...	13	...	...	13
Sterility	48	1	...	49
Amenorrhœa	1	...	...	1
Carcinoma of Body of Uterus.	3	...	2	5
Vaginismus and Rigid Introitis	4	...	...	4
Metropathia Hæmorrhagica ...	1	...	...	1
	365	5	5	375

SURGICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE GENERATIVE SYSTEM (continued) :				
III. DISEASES CONNECTED WITH PREGNANCY :				
Pregnancy and Normal Labour	87	...	...	87
Pyelitis of Pregnancy ...	1	...	...	1
Toxaemia of Pregnancy ...	6	...	1	7
Threatened Abortion ...	3	...	...	3
Inevitable Abortion ...	30	...	...	30
Missed Abortion and Carneous Mole	1	...	...	1
Ectopic Pregnancy ...	4	1	...	5
Hyperemesis Gravidarum ...	4	...	...	4
Retained Placenta ...	10	...	...	10
Disproportion in Pregnancy ...	5	...	...	5
Pregnancy with V.D.H. ...	...	1	...	1
Placenta Prævia ...	2	...	...	2
Primary Uterine Inertia ...	1	...	...	1
Accidental Haemorrhage ...	1	...	...	1
Malposition of Fœtus ...	10	...	...	10
Hydatidiform Mole ...	1	...	...	1
Puerperal Mania ...	...	1	...	1
	166	3	1	170
DISEASES OF BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, FASCIÆ AND BURSÆ :				
Osteo-myelitis	16	1	...	17
Synovitis	1	...	...	1
Chronic Arthritis (various) ...	8	...	...	8
Acute Arthritis (various) ...	12	...	...	12
Rheumatoid Arthritis ...	9	1	...	10
Exostosis	5	...	...	5
Osteo-arthrosis	18	...	...	18
Hæmarthrosis	5	...	...	5
Internal Derangement of Knee	48	...	...	48
Loose Body	8	...	...	8
Congenital Dislocation ...	2	1	...	3
Injuries of Joints	3	...	...	3
Spondylitis	3	...	...	3
Torticollis	1	...	...	1
Tuberculosis of Spine ...	2	...	...	2
Tuberculosis of Other Bones ...	7	...	...	7
Seoliosis	3	...	...	3
Acute Myositis and Fibrositis.	7	...	...	7
Carried forward	158	3	...	161

SURGICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, FASCIÆ AND BURSÆ continued :				
Brought forward	158	3	...	161
Ankylosis	2	...	...	2
Kyphosis	1	...	...	1
Paralysis (various)	4	...	...	4
Contractions, Scars, etc. ...	10	...	...	10
Adhesions (various)	15	...	...	15
Injuries to Tendons	17	...	...	17
Whitlow	7	...	...	7
Teno-synovitis	13	...	...	13
Infection of Palmar Spaces ...	8	...	...	8
Ganglion	13	...	...	13
Acute Suppurative Bursitis ...	22	...	...	22
Chronic Bursitis	19	...	...	19
Hallux Valgus	19	...	...	19
Trigger Finger	3	...	...	3
Club-foot	9	...	...	9
Flat Foot	6	...	...	6
Hallux Rigidus	10	...	...	10
Hammer-toe, etc.	16	1	...	17
Pes Cavus	2	...	...	2
Onychogryphosis	3	...	...	3
In-growing Toe Nail	16	...	...	16
Coccygodynia	3	...	...	3
Osteo-Chondritis	3	...	...	3
	379	4	...	383
DISEASES OF THE AREOLAR TISSUE :				
Cellulitis	36	...	...	36
Abscesses	43	...	...	43
Carbuncle	3	...	...	3
	82	...	...	82

SURGICAL CASES.—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS :				
Pyonephrosis	1	...	...	1
Tuberculosis of Urinary Tract	3	...	...	3
Carcinoma of Kidney ... ...	...	1	...	1
Movable Kidney ... ...	...	1	...	1
Hydronephrosis	3	1	...	4
Perinephric Abscess ... ...	...	...	1	1
Renal Calculus	10	...	...	10
Ureteric Calculus	6	...	...	6
Vesical Calculus	2	...	1	3
Carcinoma of Bladder ...	2	2	3	7
Papilloma of Bladder ...	3	...	...	3
Foreign Body in Urethra or Bladder	1	...	...	1
	31	5	5	41
INJURIES :				
Burns and Scalds	40	...	3	43
Cut Throat	2	...	1	3
Surgical Shock	1	...	...	1
Head Injuries	50	...	17	67
Fractures :				
Spine (Simple)	31	...	...	31
Spine (Compound) ...	2	...	1	3
Upper Limbs (Simple) ...	77	...	1	78
Upper Limbs (Compound)	29	...	...	29
Lower Limbs (Simple) ...	73	1	...	74
Lower Limbs (Compound)	38	...	2	40
Pelvis	5	...	1	6
Ribs	4	...	1	5
Jaws	8	...	...	8
Soft Tissue Wounds	55	...	1	56
Strains and Sprains	12	...	...	12
Ruptures Muscles and Tendons	4	...	...	4
Gunshot Wounds	4	...	...	4
Contusions	44	...	...	44
Dislocations	24	...	1	25
Foreign Bodies	6	...	...	6
Separation of Epiphyses ...	4	...	...	4
Rupture of Abdominal Organs	1	...	...	1
	514	1	29	544
TUMOURS AND CYSTS :				
Fibroma	2	...	...	2
Lipoma	11	...	...	11
Hæmangioma	4	...	...	4
Sarcoma	1	...	...	1
Papilloma	8	...	...	8
Carried forward ...	26	...	...	26

SURGICAL CASES.—Continued.

		Cured or Relieved.	Un- Relieved.	Died.	Total.
TUMOURS AND CYSTS (continued) :					
Brought forward	...	26	...	...	26
Pilonidal Sinus	...	4	...	...	4
Bone Tumours	...	...	...	1	1
Epithelioma	...	5	1	...	6
Ranula	...	1	...	...	1
Adeno-Carcinoma	...	...	...	1	1
Sebaceous Cyst	...	12	...	...	12
Dermoid Cyst	...	4	...	...	4
Branchial Cyst	...	3	...	...	3
Meibomiam Cyst	...	1	...	...	1
Malignant Melanoma	...	...	...	1	1
		56	1	3	60
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS :					
Hydrocephalus	...	...	...	1	1
Undescended Testis	...	3	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	2	2
		3	...	3	6
TOTAL SURGICAL CASES	...	2968	58	157	3183
DISEASES OF THE EYE :					
Conjunctivitis	...	7	...	...	7
Keratitis	...	6	...	...	6
Hypopyon Ulcer	...	10	...	...	10
Corneal Ulcer	...	3	...	...	3
Injuries	...	13	...	...	13
Iritis	...	1	...	...	1
Glaucoma	...	13	...	...	13
Cataract	...	49	3	...	52
Detachment of Retina	...	6	...	...	6
Optic Neuritis	...	4	...	...	4
Panophthalmitis	...	1	...	...	1
Strabismus	...	17	...	...	17
Entropion	...	3	...	...	3
Tumour of Eyelid	...	3	...	...	3
Dacryo-cystitis	...	7	...	...	7
Chalazion	...	2	...	...	2
Ptosis	...	1	...	...	1
TOTAL EYE CASES	...	146	3	...	149

SURGICAL CASES—Continued.

	<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
DISEASES OF THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT :				
Furunculosis	2	...	...	2
Acute Otitis Media	34	...	...	34
Chronic Otitis Media	5	...	...	5
Aural Polyp	5	...	...	5
Mastoiditis	51	...	...	51
Epistaxis	2	...	...	2
Meniere's Disease	5	...	...	5
Deflected Septum	52	...	...	52
Foreign Body in Nose	2	...	...	2
Sinusitis	2	1	...	3
Tonsilitis	453	...	...	453
Carcinoma Tonsil ... ...	...	1	...	1
Vincent's Angina	1	...	...	1
Foreign Body in Larynx of Trachea	1	...	...	1
Laryngitis	2	...	...	2
Injuries	1	...	...	1
Congenital Abnormality ...	1	...	...	1
Rhinophyma	1	...	...	1
TOTAL EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CASES	620	2	...	622

TOTAL CASES TREATED.**INFIRMARY.**

		<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
MEDICAL	...	546	76	86	708
SURGICAL	...	2580	41	147	2768
EYE	...	138	3	...	141
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT	...	552	2	...	554
		3816	122	233*	4171

*89 died within 48 hours of admission.

CHRISTOPHER PRIVATE PATIENTS' HOME.

		<i>Cured or Relieved.</i>	<i>Un- Relieved.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
MEDICAL	...	30	8	9	47
SURGICAL	...	388	17	10	415
EYE	...	8	8
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT	...	68	68
		494	25	19*	538

*6 died within 48 hours of admission.

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Resident Medical and Surgical Officer and Registrar.

RESIDENCES OF IN-PATIENTS ADMITTED AND OUT-PATIENTS ATTENDING DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1944.

	In.	Out.		In.	Out.
Abram	47	172	Indianapolis, U.S.A.	1	-
Accrington	-	1	Irlam	1	-
Adlington	8	25	Kenyon	1	1
Anderton	1	-	Lathom	8	13
Appleby Bridge	42	123	Leigh	34	93
Ashton-in-Makerfield ..	279	777	Leyland	1	4
Ashton-under-Lyne	1	-	Lindel-in-Furness	1	-
Aspull	138	69	Liverpool	3	5
Atherton	2	10	London	3	-
Bamfurlong	30	114	Lowton	29	102
Bangor	-	1	Manchester	2	6
Barrow-in-Furness	1	-	Mawdesley	1	3
Barton-on-Humber	-	1	Milnthorpe	1	-
Bickershaw	16	74	Mold	1	-
Bickerstaffe	1	3	Newburgh	4	11
Billinge	31	138	Newcastle-on-Tyne	1	1
Birkenhead	1	2	Newton-le-Willows	9	32
Birmingham	-	1	Norwich	-	1
Blackburn	1	2	Oakland, California, U.S.A.	1	-
Blackpool	-	3	Ormskirk	-	10
Blackrod	28	61	Orrell	120	332
Bolton	2	3	Oswestry	1	-
Bootle	-	2	Paisley	-	1
Bradford	-	2	Parbold	19	65
Brighton	-	1	Platt Bridge	102	330
Brinscough	-	1	Plymouth	-	1
Burnley	-	1	Preston	-	2
Burscough	3	10	Prestwich	-	1
Bury	1	2	Rainford	-	2
Calgary, Canada	-	1	Raynham	-	1
Cape Breton, Nova Scotia	-	1	Rock Hampton, Australia	1	-
Carlisle	1	1	Russford	-	1
Charnock Richard	7	20	St. Helens	1	5
Chatterton	1	-	Scarisbrick	1	1
Cheadle Hulme	-	1	Shevington	39	107
Chester	-	1	Shrewsbury	-	1
Chorley	9	38	Skelmersdale	51	182
Coppull	60	188	Southport	2	6
Cottam, Canada	-	1	Spalding	-	1
Culcheth	-	1	Standish	175	452
Dalton	-	5	Stoke-on-Trent	-	2
Darwen	-	2	Transcona, Manitoba, Canada	-	2
Doncaster	-	1	Upholland	55	190
Earlestown	1	10	Warrington	1	3
Eccles	1	-	Westhead	3	2
Eccleston	-	4	Westhoughton	24	40
Edinburgh	-	1	Wexford	1	-
Fleetwood	-	1	Wick	1	-
Gathurst	11	19	Widnes	1	1
Glasgow	-	1	Wigan	1798	7214
Golborne	140	554	Winwick	-	1
Great Crosby	1	-	Withnell	-	1
Great Waking	1	-	Woodlands	1	-
Greenock	-	1	Worthington	5	22
Haigh	16	44	Wrightington	14	59
Haydock	3	22	Wybourne	-	1
Heskin	2	16	Yeovil	-	1
Hindley	423	1597			
Horwich	-	2			
Huddersfield	1	2			
Hyde	-	1			
Ince	347	1379			
				4176	14826

PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ending March 31st, 1944.

The following is an analysis of the year's work:—

	<i>In-</i> <i>patients.</i>	<i>Out-</i> <i>patients.</i>
1. BACTERIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS, including serology	2,689 ..	332
2. PATHOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS, including examination for ova, parasites, cysts, deposits and the cytology of blood, pleural and peritoneal fluid, cerebro-spinal fluid, inflammatory exudates, spectroscopy, micrometry, and morbid histology	6,272 ..	1,648
3. BIOCHEMICAL INVESTIGATIONS, including quantitative and qualitative examination of urine, blood, cerebro-spinal fluid, colloidal gold tests and fractional test meals, etc.	15,116 ..	1,694
4. VACCINES (Stock and Autogenous)	3 ..	9
 TOTAL	 24,080 ..	 3,683

G. A. C. LYNCH, M.D., D.P.H., (L'pool), Pathologist and Bacteriologist.

MATRON'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1944.

The number of the Nursing Staff on March 31st, 1944, was as follows :—

Matron	..	..	1	Ward and Departmental		
Assistant Matron	..	1		Sisters	..	12
Home Sister	..	..	1	Staff Nurses	..	4
Housekeeping Sister	..	1		Student Nurses in training	65	
Tutor Sister	..	1		Masseuses	..	4
Night Sisters	..	2		Radiographers	..	2
				Total	..	94

The Christopher Private Patients' Home :—

Sister-in-Charge	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ward and Theatre Sister						1
Staff Nurses	..	..	..	..	..	7
						—
Total	..	..	..	..	..	9

Resignations :—

Miss D. Smith, Second Night Sister.

Mrs. E. Williams, Theatre Sister, Christopher Home.

Appointments :—

Miss H. Goodship, promoted Housekeeping Sister.

Miss C. Hamer, Theatre Sister, Christopher Home.

Miss M. Culligan, Second Night Sister.

Miss D. Smith, Ward Sister.

State Examination Results :—

Eleven Nurses passed the Final State Examination; twenty passed the whole Preliminary State Examination, and twelve passed Part I Preliminary Examination.

Hospital Examination Results :—

Thirteen Nurses passed the Hospital Final Examination.

Prize Winners for 1943 :—

Gold Medal: No award.

Silver Medals: Nurse R. M. Haddock and Nurse A. D. Lloyd.

Bronze Medal: Nurse A. Taylor.

Best 3rd Year Nurse: Nurse F. Hughes.

Best 2nd Year Nurse: Nurse H. Sutton.

Best 1st Year Nurse: Nurse M. A. Flanagan.

Matron's Proficiency Prize: Nurse E. M. Jones.

Fifty-eight applications for training were received, as compared with forty-eight last year.

Thirty-one Students entered for training. Twenty-one of these were accepted, and ten left.

I should like to thank the following :—

Dr. G. Ronald Ellis, for giving Medical Lectures.

Mr. F. Ronald Edwards, for giving Surgical Lectures.

Mr. J. Burke Ewing, for giving Gynaecological Lectures.

M. G. WILKIE, MATRON.

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†Abrahams, Mr. H., c/o Abrams, 8, Royal Arcade, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Abram Labour Club, 465, Warrington Road, Abram	...	3	3	0
†Adler, Mrs. A., 6, Crompton Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
*Ainscough, Mr. William, Mossy Lea Post Office, Wrightington	...	2	0	0
Ainsworth, Mrs. Thos., 23, Copperfield, Wigan	...	10	10	0
*Alexandra Park Bowling Club, Newtown, Wigan	...	4	4	0
†Allen, Mr. Henry, 402, Bickershaw Lane, Bickershaw	...	1	1	0
Almond, Mr. J. B., Standish Brewery, Wigan	...	2	2	0
†Alty, Mr. J., Lyndhurst, Highfield Road, Croston	...	0	10	6
†Anderton, Sir Francis	...	10	0	0
Angior, Dr. F. L. (the late), Claremont, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Angior, Dr. T. M., Gloucester House, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Anonymous	...	2	2	0
Anonymous	...	1	1	0
Anonymous	...	0	5	0
Antiquity Lodge of Freemasons, No. 178, Wigan	...	3	3	0
Appley Bridge Women's Guild	...	3	3	0
†Arrowsmith, Mr. J., Post Office, Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Arrowsmith, Mr. J. G., 11, Acton Street, Wigan	...	0	10	6
†Ashton Bros., Ltd., Messrs., Fish Market, Wigan	...	2	2	0
†Ashton, Mr. George, "Regentville," Meigle, Perthshire	...	3	3	0
†Ashton, Mr. H. S., 17, Ashland Avenue, Wigan	...	0	10	6
†Ashton, Mrs. H. S., 17, Ashland Avenue, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Ashton, Mr. R., 23, Norfolk Street, Wigan	...	5	0	0
Ashton, Mr. Tom, Wallgate, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Ashton-in-Makerfield Labour Party	...	5	0	0
Aspinall, Mr. Frank A., 84, Kenyon Road, Wigan	...	2	12	6
Aspinall, Messrs. Thomas and Sons, Ltd., Kenyon Road, Wigan	...	4	4	0
Astley, Mr. Thomas, Holmlea, Rectory Lane, Standish	...	1	1	0
Atherton, Mr. J., 130, Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Atherton, Mr. W., Eagle and Child Hotel, Billinge, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Baker, Mr. Jesse, "Jewel Casket," Wigan	...	1	1	0
Baker, Misses M. H. and E. J., "Crantock," 205, Orrell	...	1	1	0
Mount, Wigan	...	5	5	0
Ball and Yates, Messrs., Gathurst, near Wigan	...	3	3	0
†Bankes, Mr. George H., Winstanley Hall, Wigan	...	1	1	0
*Banks, Miss C. S., 28, Milton Grove, Wigan	...	2	12	0
Banks, Mr. Wm., Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell	...	0	10	6
Bannister, Mr. F. L., 13, Avondale Road, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Baron, Mrs. Agnes, 140, Ince Green Lane, Ince	...	1	1	0

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Barrett, Mr. H. A. Scott, 12, Waterloo Road, Birkdale—Vice President	2	2	0
a Battersby, Mr. Thomas S., Balmoral Villas, 34, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan.	1	1	0
† Baxter, Mr. Gerald, 144, Orrell Mount, near Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Baxter, Mr. Sydney, "Kandy," Newgate, Upholland ...	...	1	1	0
Beesley, Mr. A. J., 24, Eckersley Street, Whalley, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
† Bell, Lt. Col. Stanley, Haigh House, Haigh, near Wigan ...	...	5	5	0
Bennett, Messrs. D., Ltd., 8, Church Street, Orrell ...	...	2	2	0
† Bentham, Mr. Ernest, Broomfield House, Standish ...	...	0	10	6
† Bickershaw Labour Club, near Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Birch, Miss F. M., St. Malo Road, Wigan ...	...	0	10	6
Bispham Charity, Billinge and Winstanley Administration ...	...	10	0	0
Bispham Charity, Upholland ...	...	5	5	0
Bispham Hall Brick and Terra Cotta Co., Ltd., Orrell ...	...	3	3	0
Black, Mrs. W., 54, Park Road, Wigan ...	...	0	10	0
Blackledge, Mrs. M., 59, Beech Hill Lane, Wigan, "In memory of Mr. Wm. Blackledge." ...	...	2	0	0
Blainscough Colliery Co., Ltd., Messrs., Coppull—Life Governors	...	5	5	0
Blight, Mr. Norman W., 69, Miles Lane, Gathurst, near Wigan ...	...	0	10	6
† Blundell, Major C. L., 7, Rumford Street, Liverpool ...	...	20	0	0
Blundell, Mrs., 2, Portland Street, Wigan ...	...	0	10	6
† Boggis, Mr. F. W., Park View House, Wigan ...	...	2	2	0
† Bolton, Messrs. John and Co., 50, Market Place, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Bolton, Mr. Walter T., 149, Park Road, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Boots, Messrs., The Chemists, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
† Bowe, Mr. F. G., 5, Marylebone Place, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Bradford Dyers' Association, Ltd., 39, Well Street, Bradford ...	...	10	10	0
Bridge and Sons (Wigan) Ltd., Seven Stars Forge, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Bridge, Mr. James, 127, Victoria Street, Newtown, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Bridge, Mr. James E., J.P., "Oaklands," Golborne, near Warrington ...	...	0	10	6
British Glues and Chemicals Ltd., Messrs., 96, Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. ...	...	5	5	0
British Home Stores, Ltd., Standishgate, Wigan ...	...	2	2	0
British Legion Ivy Leaf Club Ltd., Messrs., Hindley, near Wigan ...	...	3	3	0
Broadie-Griffith, Mr. T. M., 24, King Street, Wigan ...	...	2	12	6
Broughton, Mr. J. J., 76, Market Street, Wigan ...	...	0	10	6
Brown, Mr. George, Junr., 29, Warrington Lane, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Bryn Gates, Bamfurlong and Ashton Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Club ...	...	2	10	0
† Bryn Labour Club, near Wigan ...	...	5	5	0
† Bullough, Dr. Fred, 112, Market Street, Hindley ...	...	3	3	0
Bullough, Mr. W. H., 536, Bolton Road, Bamfurlong ...	...	1	1	0
† Burton, Messrs. Montague Ltd., Hudson Street Mills, Leeds ...	...	0	10	6
† Butterworth, Mr. J., 21, St. Malo Road, Wigan ...	...	2	2	0
Calderbank, Messrs. E. and Sons Ltd., Harrison Square, Orchard Street, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Calderbank, Mr. Joseph, 9, Walkden Avenue East, Wigan ...	...	1	1	0
Campion, Rev. Dr. C., St. Marie's, Standish ...	...	1	1	0
Catholic Women's League, Wigan ...	...	2	2	0
Cheetham, Mr. Samuel, 25, Leigh Road, Hindley Green ...	...	1	1	0
Chorley Rural District Council ...	...	5	5	0
Clare, Mr. James, 3, Stone Cross Lane, Lowton	1	1	0
Clarke, Mr. A., Station Road, Wigan	2	2	0
† Clegg, Mr. Wm., Cedar House, Hindley	0	10	6

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†Collins, Mr. C. J., "The Cottage," Pengellys, Alpington, Exeter, Devon	1	1	0
Comrades' Club (Wigan) Ltd., Messrs., Wigan	1	1	0
Coop and Co., Ltd., Messrs.—Life Governors	...	...	5	5	0
Coppull Working Men's Club, Coppull	...	...	3	3	0
*Corless, Messrs. M. and Son, The Poplars, Preston Road, Welch Whittle	...	...	3	3	0
Cowburns Ltd., Messrs., Abinger Street, Burnley	...	...	2	2	0
Craddock Bros., Messrs., Market Place, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Crawford, The Earl of, Haigh Hall, Wigan—President	...	...	5	5	0
Crompton, Messrs. Thos and Sons, Ltd., Ashton-in-Makerfield	...	...	10	10	0
†aCrompton, Mr. John, "Aleuin," The Strand, Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan	...	...	15	0	0
Crook, Misses, 33, Holme Avenue, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
†Crook, Mr. R. B., 210, Wigan Road, Standish, near Wigan	...	...	3	3	0
Crook, Mr. R. K., c/o Messrs. Coop and Co., Ltd., Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Crook, Mr. S. T., 5, Library Street, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Croskell, Messrs. G. R. Ltd., 20, Rodney Street, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Cross, Mr. Thomas, 50, Church Street, Golborne	...	...	0	10	6
Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. W. H., 204, Billinge Road, Pemberton, Wigan	...	...	2	0	0
Darlington, Colonel Sir Henry and Lady, Melling Hall, Carnforth	...	...	3	0	0
†Davenport, Miss Jane, 273, Gidlow Lane, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Davenport, Mr. J. (the late), 273, Gidlow Lane, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
†Davis, Mr. Owen J., 43, Holme Avenue, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Davies, Mr. Rhys J., 17, Alan Road, Withington	...	...	1	1	0
†Dean, Mr. John, 79, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport—Vice-President	...	...	1	1	0
Denne, Mr. Joseph, 31, Winifred Street, Lower Ince	...	...	0	10	6
Derbyshire, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., 70, Newton Road, Billinge	...	...	0	12	6
†Dickinson, Mrs. S. J., "Mayfield," Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	...	2	2	0
†Dickinsons (The Bottlers) Ltd., Messrs., 101, Darlington Street East, Wigan	...	...	5	5	0
District Bank, Ltd., Staff of, Messrs., Wigan	...	...	5	5	0
Edgar, Mr. R. A. Y., Whitley Farm, Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	...	2	2	0
Edmondson, Mr. J. H., Lathom's Close, Newburgh, near Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Ellis, Mr. H. Ratcliffe, The Woodlands, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
English Tools Ltd., Messrs., Wigan	...	...	2	2	0
Entwistle, Mrs. K. H., 11, Abbey Drive, Orrell, "Birthday remembrance of Mother (February 20th) and Dad (January 26th)"	...	...	1	1	0
Evans, Mr. T., 13, Downall Green Road, Bryn, near Wigan	...	...	0	10	6
Fairelough, Mr. and Mrs. J., 409, Gidlow Lane, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Fairhurst, Mr. J., 368, Warrington Road, Goose Green, Wigan	...	...	0	10	6
Fairhurst, Mr. William, 144, Old Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan	...	...	0	10	6
†Farrimond, Mr. W., Craigard, Dingle Road, Upholland	...	...	1	1	0
ffarington, Mr. H. Nowell, Worden Hall, Leyland	...	...	2	12	6
Fine Cotton Spinners' and Doublers' Association, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	3	0	0
Fisher, Mr. Ralph, 4, Maple Grove, Beech Hill, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
Fishwick, Mr. J., 530, Ormskirk Road, Pemberton	...	...	0	10	6
†Fortune, Mr. J. J., "Wythburn," Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	...	1	1	0
†Foster, Messrs. R. and Son, Henhurst Bridge Chair Works, Wigan	1	0	0
Foster, Mr. Thomas, "Redcot," 21, Corner Lane, Leigh	0	10	6

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Frame's Tours, Ltd., Messrs., 118, Southampton Row, London,				
W.C.1	...	1	1	0
Frew, Mr. and Mrs. T., 21, Chorley Road, Standish	...	2	2	0
†Fudge, Mr. S. A., 617, Bickershaw Lane, Bickershaw, near				
Wigan	...	0	10	6
Garswood Hall Collieries Co., Ltd., Bryn, near Wigan	...	10	10	0
†Garswood Labour Club	...	10	0	0
Gaskell, Messrs. William and Sons, "Sunit," Ashton Road,				
Newton-le-Willows	...	3	3	0
Gidlow and Beech Hill Labour Club, Wigan	...	1	0	0
Gilbey, Messrs. W. and A., Ltd., Gilbey House, Oval Road,				
Regent's Park, London, N.W.1	...	1	1	0
Gill, Mrs. A., 143, Lily Lane, Bamfurlong, "In memory of Joseph,				
and in gratitude for services rendered"	...	1	1	0
Gillott, Mrs. John F., Blakeholme, Windermere	...	1	1	0
†Glover, Miss M. J., "Holmwood," 311, Orrell Road, Orrell	...	2	2	0
†Glover, Mr. J. T., 311, Orrell Road, Orrell, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Gorner, Messrs. R. and J. R., Roy Cafe, Wigan	...	2	2	0
†Gowan, Lady, Gunners How, Newby Bridge, near Ulverston	...	5	0	0
†Green, Mr. J. H., "Huntscliffe," Parbold—Life Vice-President	...	5	5	0
Greenall, Whitley and Co., Ltd., Messrs., St. Helens	...	1	1	0
Greenhous, Rev. Father, Sacred Heart, Springfield, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Gregory, Mr. L., "Westdene," Hall Lane, Hindley	...	0	10	6
Grime, Mr. J. A., 230, Wigan Road, Standish	...	1	1	0
Grundy, Mr. H., Malvern Chambers, Library Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Gummerson, Mr. and Mrs. T. E., 7, Birch Street, Gidlow, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Gunn, Miss E. M., Ellesmere House, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Hall, Mr. A. D., 15, Hornby Street, Wigan	...	0	10	6
†Hallett, Mr. B. D., Old Elms, Elmfield Road, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Halliwell and Co., Messrs., Wine and Spirit Merchants, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Halliwell, Mr. F. B., "Rosario," Dicconson Street, Wigan	...	0	10	6
†Halliwell, Mr. William, 367, Gidlow Lane, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Hampson, Mr. F. W., 68, Swinley Road, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Harcourt and Co., Messrs., Market Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Harmer, Miss C., 70, Barnsley Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Hawkes, Mr. A. J., "Hawksnest," 95, Dicconson Street West,				
Wigan	...	0	15	0
†Haworth, Mr. C. E., "Rendella," Appley Bridge	...	1	0	0
†Heaton, Mr. D., Newtown Post Office, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Heaton, Mr. T., "Greenway," Mariebonne, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Heaton, Mr. and Mrs. R., Parsonage Farm, Mill Lane, Upholland,				
near Wigan	...	2	2	0
Hepworth, Mr. Sydney, 86, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan	...	1	0	0
Herd, Mrs. M. L. H., 34, Market Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Heyes, Mr. A. V., "Minerva," Thornhill, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Hill and Jayne Ltd., Messrs., 47/49, Hodson Street, off Caroline				
Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Hilton, Mr. J. T., "Sunnywood," Gathurst, near Wigan	...	1	0	0
Hilton, Mr. William, 36, Larch Avenue, Pemberton, Wigan	...	0	5	0
Hilton, Mrs. M. M., 21, Lullington Road, Pendleton, "In memory				
of James Turner Wood and Annie M. Wood"	...	1	1	0
Hindley Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., Messrs., Hindley	...	7	7	0
†Hodgkinson, Mr. Clifford, 254, Warrington Road, Abram	...	1	1	0
*†Hodkinson, Mr. William, 58, Kirkless Street, New Springs	...	2	2	0
Hollingsworth, Mr. J., 9, Manning Avenue, Wigan	...	1	1	0

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Holmes and Turner, Messrs., Wallgate Chambers, Wigan	...	3	3	0
†Holmes, Miss E. M., 20a, Swinley Road, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Holt, Mrs. J. H., 57, Bolton House Road, Bickershaw	...	1	0	0
Hope, Mr. H., "Bramcote," Walkden Avenue East, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Houghton, Mrs. J., "Woodlands," Gathurst Road, Orrell Post...	1	1	0	0
†Howard, Mr. W. O., 36, Standishgate, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H., 18, Dawson Avenue, Gidlow Lane, Wigan	...	3	3	0
†Hunter, Mr. O., "Kingsleigh," Wigan	...	1	1	0
Hurst, Messrs. James and Sons, 58, Wallgate, Wigan...	...	1	1	0
*I.C.I. (Explosives) Ltd., Roburite Factory, Gathurst, near Wigan	25	0	0	0
Ince Forge Co., Ince	...	2	2	0
Independent Order of Oddfellows, Duke of Norfolk Lodge	...	3	3	0
Independent Order of Oddfellows, Loyal British Fleet Lodge	...	1	1	0
Irish Democratic League, 55, Bryn Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan	...	3	3	0
Irvine, Mr. J., Mesnes Park Lodge, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Jeffreys, Miller and Co., Ltd., Messrs., Leyland Mills, near Wigan	...	6	6	0
†Jenkinson, Mr. F. A., "Hind-Ley," Abbey Court, Abbey Road, West Shore, Llandudno, North Wales	...	2	10	0
†Johnson, Mr. J., 3, Alexandra Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield	...	1	1	0
†Johnson, Mr. J. A. (the late), 39, Park View, Wigan—Vice- President	...	2	12	6
†Johnson, Mr. R. Thorley, "Yalta," King's Road, Colwyn Bay— Life Vice-President	...	2	2	0
Jones, Mr. F., 580, Ormskirk Road, Pemberton, Wigan...	...	1	1	0
Jones, Rev. T. J., "The Parsonage," Hindley, near Wigan	...	0	10	6
Kenning, Miss F., 6, Chorley Road, Standish, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Kenyon, Mr. T., "Kenwyn," Wigan Road, Standish	...	5	5	0
Kidd, Mr. Harold P., "Sunnyside," Lowton, Warrington	...	1	1	0
King, Messrs. John and Son, Bank Chambers, Wallgate, Wigan	1	1	0	0
Kirk, Mr. John, Makinson Arcade, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Lamb, Mr. A. M., Eskdale, Birkdale—Life Vice-President	...	2	2	0
Lancashire County Council: Public Assistance Committee	125	0	0	0
Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry Trust per Messrs. Henry Greenall and Co.	...	2	2	0
Lancashire and Cheshire Tradesmen and Kindred Workers (Wigan Branch)	...	1	0	0
Lathom's Charity, Dalton and Parbold Districts	...	7	7	0
," Bickerstaffe District	...	5	5	0
," Bispham and Mawdesley Districts	...	3	3	0
," Newburgh and Lathom Districts	...	6	6	0
," Skelmersdale District	...	30	0	0
," Welch Whittle, Heskin, and Wrightington Districts	...	10	10	0
Latimer, Mr. G. W., Market Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Lavin, Mr. Fred, 334, Garswood Road, Garswood	...	2	2	0
Lavin, Mr. James, 313, Garswood Road, Garswood	...	2	2	0
Leadbeater's Charities, Golborne	...	15	0	0
Leeds and Liverpool Canal Co., Messrs., "Woodford," Barkfield Avenue, Formby	...	2	2	0
Leigh Friendly Co-operative Society, Ltd., Messrs., Leigh	...	3	3	0
Lewis, Mr. Alderman R., 398, Gidlow Lane, Wigan—Vice-President	0	10	6	0
aLewis, Mrs., 18, Acton's Yard, Wigan	...	1	0	0
Liptrot, Mr. Peter, Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge, near Wigan	1	1	0	0

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†Lloyd, Mr. W., 101, Manchester Road, Higher Ince	...	0	10	6
London and North Eastern Railway Co., Messrs., Marylebone Station, London, N.W.1	...	2	2	0
Lowe, Mr. Harold, "Casita," Brock Mill Lane, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Lowe, Mr. Harold, 7, Bellingham Avenue, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Lowe, Mr. William, c/o William Lowe and Co., 5, Arcade Street, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Lower Ince Labour Club	...	10	0	0
Lowton Charities, Newton-le-Willows	...	16	16	0
Lynn, Mrs. M. A., Shaw Street, Trafalgar Road, Wigan	...	1	10	0
†Lyon, Lieut-Col. C., 43, Egerton Crescent, London S.W.3	...	3	3	0
Magee Marshall and Co., Ltd., Messrs., Bolton	...	3	3	0
Makinson, Messrs. R. and Co., Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Marsden, Mr. Robert, 11, Somerville Road, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Marsden, Mr. Samuel, "Woodside," Crankwood Road, Abram	...	5	5	0
†Marsden, Mr. S. J., 10, Spencer Road, Wigan—Life Vice-President	...	2	12	6
Martindale, Miss M., 187, Ormskirk Road, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Mason, R., The Exors. of, "Wainfleet," Wigan Road, Standish	...	1	1	0
†Mason, Mr. Robert, "Wainfleet," Wigan Road, Standish, near Wigan	...	5	5	0
Mason, Messrs. John and Sons Ltd., Clarington Brook House, Ince	...	3	3	0
Mason, Mr. T., 41, Bickershaw Lane, Abram	...	1	1	0
Mather, Messrs. W. T., Ltd., Millingford Works, Golborne	...	5	0	0
†Matheson, Dr. A., 84, Orrell Road, Lamberhead Green	...	1	1	0
†Mayall, Mr. Harry, 242, Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	3	3	0
McClay, Miss Ethel, 73, Prenton Road East, Birkenhead	...	2	12	6
McCreery, Miss Alice, 30, Swinley Lane, Wigan	...	0	10	6
†McKinlay, Mr. John, 37, Parsons Walk, Wigan	...	5	5	0
Melling, Messrs. William Ltd., Church Street, St. Helens	...	2	2	0
Melling, Mr. and Mrs. W. A., "Windcliff," Mariebonne, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Melling, Mr. Thomas, 45, Manchester Road, Ince, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
Mellor, Rev. W. S., The Rectory, Standish	...	1	1	0
*Mesnes Park Ladies' Bowling Club	...	10	12	0
Mesnes Park Bowling Club, Wigan	...	30	0	0
Midland Bank, Ltd., Messrs., Wigan	...	5	5	0
†Millard, Mr. Geo. H., Hughenden Villas, 374, Spring Bank, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Millard, Mr. William, 25, Makinson Arcade, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Miller, Mr. W. T., 30, Ellesmere Road, Pemberton, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Millgate Social Club, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Monks, Mr. E. H. (Exors. of), Wallgate, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Morton and Sons, Ltd., Messrs., Lord Street, Ince	...	5	5	0
†Moss, Mrs. Clarissa, "Herwyn," 9, Tanhouse Lane, Parbold	...	1	1	0
Munro and Co., Ltd., Messrs., Market Place, Wigan	...	3	3	0
Murray, Mr. A. E., 4, Humphrey Street, Ince	...	1	1	0
Murray, Mr. David, 1a, Eccleston Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Murray, Mr. J., 7, Limes Avenue, Standish, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
Murtock, Mr. J. T., Shakespeare Hotel, King Street, Wigan	...	0	10	6
National Federation of Newsagents (Wigan Branch)	...	2	2	0
†Naylor, Mr. Charles, Barn Lane, Golborne	...	5	5	0
New Springs Conservative Club, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Newtown Labour Club, Wigan	...	2	0	0
Newtown Memorial Hall and British Legion Club, Ltd.	...	5	5	0
Nicholson, Mr. Henry, 97, Tunstall Lane, Pemberton, Wigan	...	1	0	0

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Niman (Fancy Goods) Ltd., Messrs., Mesnes Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
North Ward Labour Club, Toothill Street, Nichol Lane, Bryn...	...	3	3	0
Ogden, Mrs. E., 67a, Mesnes Street, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Oldfield Brewery Ltd., Messrs.—Life Governors	...	2	2	0
Old Road Labour Club, 190, Old Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield	...	3	3	0
Orchard, Mr. R. H., 11, Gidlow Avenue, Wigan	...	1	1	0
†Ormrod, Mr. G., Tudor House, Upper Dicconson Street, Wigan	...	3	3	0
†Ostick, Mr. C., "Carrington," 325, Wigan Lane, Wigan.	...	0	10	6
O'Toole, Mr. Austin, 22, Cinnamon Avenue, Hindley	...	1	1	0
Park Lane Friendly Co-operative Society, Ltd., Messrs., Bryn...	...	5	0	0
Park, Messrs. W. and Co., (Forgemasters) Ltd., Wiend, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Park, Mr. Ben., 44, Wigan Road, Standish	...	2	0	0
Peak, Messrs. John and Co., Ltd., Bridgewater Chemical Works Wigan	...	2	2	0
†Peck, Messrs. J. H. and Co., Ltd., Wallgate, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Pemberton Central Working Men's Club	...	2	2	0
Pendlebury and Co., Ltd., Messrs. Crawford House, Wigan	...	10	10	0
Petty, Mr. Thomas, Mount Pleasant, Winstanley Lane, Orrell...	...	1	1	0
Petty, Mrs. Thomas, Mount Pleasant, Winstanley Lane, Orrell....	...	0	10	6
Phillips and Son Ltd., Wallgate, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Pilling, Mr. J. S., "Glen Dene," Park Road, Golborne	...	1	1	0
Plank Lane Angling Society, Grey Horse Inn, Plank Lane, Leigh	...	1	0	0
Platt and Co., Ltd., Messrs., Appley Bridge	...	2	2	0
Platt Bridge Burial Society...	...	5	0	0
Platt Bridge and District Co-operative Society, Ltd., Messrs....	...	3	3	0
Platt Bridge and District Co-operative Society, Ltd., Employees' Benevolent Fund	...	6	0	0
†Platt Bridge Labour Club, near Wigan	...	10	10	0
Polding, Mr. Charles, Hawkley, Parbold, near Wigan	...	1	1	0
Poole, Mr. Edward G., Draper, Millgate, Wigan, Life Vice-President	...	5	0	0
†Powell, Rev. Canon C. L. Hulbert, Burrell's Field, Cambridge...	...	10	10	0
Prescott, Mr. P., 48, Park Road, Wigan	...	0	10	6
Price, Councillor J., 31, St. James' Road, Orrell	...	0	10	6
Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., Messrs., Holborn Bars, London	...	50	0	0
R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.), South Central Lancashire Province, Leigh	...	2	2	0
Ratcliffe, Mr. S. R., 682, Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge	...	0	10	6
†Redstone, Mr. David, 17, Bradshaw Street, Shudehill, Man- chester, 4	...	0	10	6
Reed, Mr. W. A., "Ravenfield," Miles Lane, Shevington, near Wigan	...	0	10	6
Rhodes, Miss F., 89, Poolstock, Wigan	...	0	5	0
Richardson, Mr. Stephen, "Franlea," Wigan Lane, Wigan	...	2	2	0
†Richardson, Mr. Wm., c/o Hilton and Leyland, 1, Powell Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Rickards, Mr. G. E., 452, Bolton Road, Aspull	...	0	10	6
†Rigby, Mr. Thomas H., 4, Carr Street, Hindley, near Wigan	...	1	0	0
Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C., 3, Upholland Road, Billinge	...	0	10	6
Roby, Miss Ethel, 28, Winstanley Lane, Orrell...	...	0	5	0
Roscoe, Mr. T., 467, Wigan Road, Bryn...	...	1	1	0
Rowbottom Warehouse Co., Messrs., Rowbottom Square, Wigan	...	2	2	0
Royal Liver Friendly Society, Wigan	...	3	3	0
†Rushton, Miss B. M., 5, Seafield Road, Ainsdale, Southport	...	1	1	0
Santus, Mr. A., 410, Ormskirk Road, Pemberton	...	0	10	6
†Santus, Messrs. Wm. and Co., Ltd., Dornin Street, Wigan	...	1	1	0
Saxone Shoe Co., Ltd., Messrs., Kilmarnock	...	1	1	0
†Scott, Mr. Andrew, "Watston," Spencer Road, Wigan	...	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.
Seel, Mr. George, "Lynwood," Hall Lane, Hindley, near Wigan	1	1	0
Shannon, Mr. Wm., Commercial Yard, Wigan	1	10	0
Sharrock and Cunliffe, Ltd., Messrs., 268-70, Billinge Road, Highfield, Wigan	10	10	0
Sharrock, Miss Mary A., 11, Birch View, Edge Green, Ashton-in-Makerfield	1	0	0
Shevington Charities, per Mr. F. G. Moore, Greenways, Shevington Lane, Shevington	5	5	0
Shevington Church Recreation Ground and Parish Room ...	5	5	0
Simm, Mrs. E., Harvey House, Gathurst, near Wigan—Life Governor	2	2	0
Sister Superior, The Rev., Convent de Notre Dame, Wigan ...	3	0	0
Skene, Mr. G. E., 7, Taylors Lane, Spring View, near Wigan ...	0	5	0
†Smith, Miss M., 6, Clifton Crescent, Wigan—Life Governor ...	2	2	0
†Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. O., "Inglewood," 92, Park View Road, Lytham—Life Vice-President	7	7	0
†Smith, Mr. Samuel, 18, Cross Street, Hindley	1	1	0
Smith, Mr. Wm., 2, Winstanley Street, Newtown	0	10	6
Smith, Mrs. J., New Inn, Goose Green, Wigan	1	1	0
Somers, Mr. Oliver, Mesnes Street, Wigan	1	1	0
*Standish Labour Club	16	14	1
Standish Lower Ground Labour Club	10	0	0
†Starr, Messrs. James and Sons Ltd., Printers, Wallgate, Wigan	2	2	0
†Starr, Mr. James, Park House, Wigan	2	2	0
Starr, Miss Betty, "The Dingle," Chorley Road, Standish ...	1	1	0
†Starr, Mrs. M. S., 27, Greenways, Wigan Road, Standish ...	1	1	0
St. James' Young Men's Society, Orrell	1	0	0
St. Joseph's Catholic Men's Club, Caroline Street, Wigan ...	1	1	0
St. Thomas' Ward Labour Club, Wigan	1	0	0
†Stephenson, Messrs. H. and Sons, Ltd., Hall Lane, Hindley ...	2	2	0
Stobo, Mr. Robert A., 341, Wigan Lane, Wigan ...	2	2	0
Stone, Mr. T., Blacklow, Roby, near Liverpool	5	0	0
Stringer's Charity, Upholland, Trustees of	5	5	0
Stubshaw Cross Labour Club, Ashton-in-Makerfield	10	10	0
Sudworth, Mr. John B., Secretary, Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation, Garswood Hall Branch, 5, Adamson Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield	0	10	6
Swalwell, Mr. and Mrs. A., Junr., 8, Greenhayes Avenue, Wigan	1	1	0
†Swift, Mr. and Mrs. H., "Stonecliffe," 350, Ormskirk Road, Pemberton	5	0	0
†Swift, Mr. G. B., 75, Wigan Lane, Wigan	1	1	0
Taylor, Mr. Alfred E., 287 Greenhill, Wigan	2	2	0
Taylor, Mr. J., 13, Moore Street, Wigan	3	3	0
Taylor, Mr. V. Guyver, 14, Spencer Road, Wigan	1	1	0
Taylor, Mrs. S. A., 3, Winchester Avenue, Ashton-in-Makerfield	1	1	0
Taylor, Messrs. W. H. S. and Co., Ltd., Market Street, Wigan ...	2	2	0
Telford, Mr. R., 77, Leeds Street, New Springs	1	1	0
Thompson and Co., Messrs., 15, Park View, Wigan	2	2	0
†Timberlake, Messrs. H. H., Ltd., Library Street, Wigan	3	3	0
†Tunstall, Mrs. H., 271, Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield	1	1	0
Turner, Messrs. Ben, Ltd., Woodcock Street, Wigan ...	2	2	0
Turner, Mr. J., 193, Preston Road, Coppull	2	2	0
†Turner, Mr. Wm., 5, Dean Street, Blackpool	1	1	0
Turner, Mr. Wm., 488, Ormskirk Road, Wigan	0	10	6
†Tyrer, Mr. W. H., Town Clerk, Wigan	1	1	0
Union Street Local Burial Society, Wigan	0	10	6

							£	s.	d.
United Cattle Products, Ltd., Messrs., 468/474, Produce Exchange Buildings, Hanging Ditch, Manchester	...						3	3	0
United Charities of Upholland, 241, Ormskirk Road, Upholland							5	5	0
Unsworth and Wood, Messrs., 23, King Street, Wigan	...						1	1	0
Upholland Conservative Club	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Urban District Council :—									
Abram	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	0
Ashton-in-Makerfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Golborne	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	0
Ince	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Standish-with-Langtree	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Westhoughton	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Vincent and Co., Messrs., 33a, King Street, Wigan	...						2	2	0
Waddington, Miss, Springfield, Wigan Lane, Wigan	...						2	2	0
†Walker, Mr. H., 23, Millgate, Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
aWalker, Mr. James, 37, Booths Brow Road, North Ashton, near Wigan	...						3	3	0
†Walker Bros. (Wigan) Ltd., Messrs., Pagefield Ironworks, Wigan—Life Governors...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	10	0
Wall and Sons Ltd., Messrs., "Wigan Observer" Office, Wigan	...						5	5	0
†Wall, Mr. John (the late), King Street, Wigan	...						3	3	0
Walls, Mr. Robert, Woolpack Chambers, 34, Millgate, Wigan..							1	1	0
Walsh, Administrators of the late Rt. Hon. Stephen, "Ashdown," Pepper Lane, Standish	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	6
Walters, Mr. Chas., 36, Bryn Street, Lower Ince	...						2	12	6
†Watkins, Mr. Percy G., "Maristuen," Ludovic Terrace, Wigan...							2	2	0
†Watson, Mr. Robert P., 14, Ashland Avenue, Wigan	...						2	2	0
Westhoughton Friendly Co-operative Society, Ltd., Messrs., 3, Wigan Road, Westhoughton	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Westhoughton United Industrial Society, Ltd., Messrs., Westhoughton	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	0
Westminster Bank, Ltd., Messrs., Wigan...	...						5	0	0
White, Messrs., John (Wigan) Ltd., Brook Mill, Wigan ...							3	3	0
*Wigan Amalgamation of Homing Societies	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Wigan and District Cardroom, Operative, and Ring Spinners' Association (per Mr. J. Hargraves) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Wigan and District Equitable Co-operative Society, Ltd., Messrs., Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
*Wigan and District Independent Methodist Women's Auxiliary							4	4	0
Wigan and District Pawnbrokers' Association	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Wigan and District Weavers, Winders, Reelers and Beamers' Association	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Wigan and District Wholesale Tobacconists' Association	...						1	1	0
Wigan Coal Corporation, Ltd., Messrs., Kirkless, Wigan...							350	0	0
Wigan Coal Dealers' Association	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	0
Wigan Conservative Club	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Wigan Corporation	...	...	...	...	...	...	115	10	0
" Wigan Examiner," The Proprietors of the, Wigan	...						2	2	0
Wigan Football Club, Ltd.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Wigan Old Boys' Rugby Union Football Club	...						1	1	0
Wigan Printing Co., Ltd., Messrs., 4, Chapel Lane, Wigan	...						0	10	6
Wigan Young People's Temperance Council	...						0	5	0
†Wignall, Mr. Walter, "Meliden," Greenhill, Wigan	...						1	1	0
Williams Deacon's Bank Ltd., Messrs., Wigan	5	5	0

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†Williams, Messrs. Mark and Sons, Ltd., 45-47, Standishgate, Wigan	1	1	0
†Williams, Mr. W., 57, Vine Street, Whalley	1	1	0
Williams, Mr. W., "Orchard Bank," Upholland Moor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Wilson, Mrs. W., 63, Corporation Street, Poolstock, Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	6
Winstanley, Mr. T., 18, Lily Lane, Bamfurlong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	6
Woolworth, Messrs. F. W. and Co., Ltd., Hindley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Woolworth, Messrs. F. W. and Co., Ltd., Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
*Worsley Mesnes Club, Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	0
Worthington, Miss Mary J., "Ebro," 16b, Cobden Street, Dundee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Wright, Mr. James, 191, Preston Road, Coppull	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Wright, Mr. P. L., Alderbrook, Parbold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Young, Mr. and Mrs. A., Park House Lodge, Winstanley, near Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
										1925	15	1
Income Tax refunded	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	8	4
										£2,126	3	5

DONATIONS.

										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3098	16	7			
" In Memoriam "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	858	0	4			
Old Patients' League	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	6			
													3957	17	5
Boxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	319	11	0			
Visitors' Contributions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	293	0	2			
Christmas Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	165	0	9			

The usual detailed acknowledgments of Donations and Gifts in Kind are again omitted for reasons of economy in the use of paper and printing. They have all been acknowledged during the year through the Infirmary weekly reports in the local press, and the lists may be inspected at the General Superintendent and Secretary's office.

Please remember the Infirmary in your Will.

£1,000 endows a Bed.

£500 endows a Cot.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

OF LEGACY.

*"I give and bequeath to the Trustees for the time being of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary and Dispensary for Wigan and the District registered, for the purposes of the said Infirmary, the sum of * to be paid free of legacy duty; and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."*

*State the sum in writing.

OF RESIDUE.

"The residue of my estate I give to the Trustees for the time being of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary and Dispensary for Wigan and the District registered, for the purposes of the said Infirmary, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

N.B.—Both Real and Personal Estate may now be given to Charities.

ADDRESS

GIVEN BY

Mr. R. L. NEWELL, F.R.C.S.

(Chairman, British Medical Association Hospitals' Committee)

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF GOVERNORS

OF THE

ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY & DISPENSARY,
WIGAN,

June 20th, 1944.

MR. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: The purpose of inviting me to address you to-night, I believe, is to tell you something about the White Paper. If I were to tell you all about the White Paper it would take several hours and I feel that the Chairman and myself would be the only people left in the room. It gives me great pleasure to come and talk at the annual meeting of a voluntary hospital such as this, which gives such magnificent services to the community of Wigan. I have always said and believed that the interests of the medical profession are indivisible from those of voluntary hospitals. We have all of us, at some stage in our careers, been associated with that atmosphere of clinical freedom which is fostered by voluntary hospitals, for they possess a spirit which lives in that unhampered freedom of thought so necessary for the production of original ideas. Whatever their shortcomings, the voluntary hospital at its best is unsurpassed by any other hospital agency in this country.

There are many who criticise the voluntary hospitals and desire their abolition, little realising what a chaotic condition the hospital service in this country would be in without them, for they have provided a service the State has not provided. Indeed, there are large tracts in this country where the only hospital service available is provided by voluntary hospitals. It was only yesterday that I heard the annual report of the T.U.C. given on the wireless. They paid tribute to the voluntary hospitals, but said that they wanted to abolish them—they want State hospitals. I think that if they knew all the facts they would not speak in that way.

When we speak of a hospital we think of something more than a mere building. We think of it in terms of its function as a place of healing. Of first importance is the patient, for without him there would be no need for doctors and hospitals. Second

in importance is the doctor, for without him and the patient we should not want hospitals. The importance of the doctor lies in his ability to treat the sick. Hospital buildings and equipment only provide a better means of doing it. They are his instruments. The Lay Boards of Voluntary Hospitals are well aware of this and rely on the advice of the medical staff when they are formulating medical policy. This is all to the advantage of the patient. In municipal hospitals medical boards do not exist, which means that their policy suffers through lack of medical advice. Of course, we are aware that we do not give the service we should like. There are long waiting lists, and attendance at out-patients departments often involves considerable waiting. These facts are continually being used as arguments against voluntary hospitals, yet the difficulties could be easily overcome by an increase in beds and medical staff if more money were forthcoming. I consider the Government's estimate of £13 $\frac{1}{2}$ million is a gross underestimate if the service is to be improved at all.

There is a tendency in some quarters to foster the illusion there is nothing good in the free institutions and free professions of this country. This attitude is usually accompanied by a belief in organisation as a remedy for all our troubles, and so plans and planners have come to occupy a very important place. Planning can only be successful if it carries out the wishes of the people, and there is a grave danger that a plan formulated to suit the wishes of the planners only will mean the forfeiting of the peoples' freedom from unnecessary State control. To-day this country's efforts are concentrated on winning the war and it has little time to concern itself with the details of plans set out in White Papers. There may be several of you who have read the White Paper word for word, but I doubt whether there are many of you who have read it more than once. You have not, I know, the time to give to that very important problem. Yet therein lies the danger that

these plans may pass into law before the wishes of the country have been ascertained, and, quite possibly, against those wishes.

It is my object, to-night, to explain to you some of the dangers which I see in the White Paper. The Government's scheme is based on the principle that a comprehensive medical service should be available as a right to all who want it, irrespective of means, and such service would be paid for from insurance, taxation, and rates, plus a not inconsiderable contribution to be made by each individual. The attitude of the profession is that this service should be available to all who need it, but that it is unnecessary for the State to make provision for those who are willing and able, and indeed in many cases prefer, to make it for themselves. Freedom is involved. This is not merely or mainly a financial issue. What is more important is that a profession which derives its emoluments wholly or mainly from State resources is likely, bit by bit, to be controlled by the State which provides its emoluments. Herein lies the danger both to the profession and the public, and indeed in the White Paper, in respect of voluntary hospitals, the statement is definitely made that these voluntary hospitals will have to look to voluntary subscriptions for a considerable proportion of their income. Further, voluntary hospitals would, when they received the majority of their income from the State, definitely lose their identity.

Do not misunderstand me. The profession have for many years advocated reforms, usually, I am sorry to say, to deaf ears, for they realise there are many people not insured under the National Health Insurance who are unable, financially, to provide medical attention for themselves. This should be rectified. The whole plan should be evolved in stages, and we have for long advocated the inclusion in National Insurance of the dependants of the insured class and the provision of hospital facilities for

them. Hospital facilities are not included in National Health Insurance, but I do not think any person has ever been refused admission to a voluntary hospital on financial ground. Indeed, some ten million workers insured themselves for this purpose by joining a contributory scheme and had in fact received excellent treatment.

The policy in the White Paper tends towards a deliberate central control of individual action by the State. They propose to establish a Central Medical Board. This Board is to have power to direct a young doctor as soon as he has qualified into the service whole time, or to a particular district. We do not object to civil direction in war time—we realise it is necessary, but I do hope that it will largely disappear when this war is over.

We believe that in planning, the State should create a framework in which there is full opportunity for individual development and effort, but we are not prepared to sacrifice our opportunities for free development by being converted into civil servants. We suspect that the control of doctors may be considered a necessary part of a Social Security Scheme in order that a watch may be kept on doctors' certificates, because these certificates will entitle sick people to large benefits which will be payable by the Treasury out of its Social Security Funds.

So much for general criticism. Let me say something about the hospital service, which is my particular interest. Both the profession and the voluntary hospitals have long advocated definite reforms. We realise that there are certain districts ill supplied with hospitals and certain districts ill supplied with consultants, and we feel that that should be altered. The term regionalisation, which I do not like, came into being when the Hospitals Commission, presided over by Lord Sankey, issued its report in 1935, and later this stimulated Lord Nuffield to make a magnificent gesture by forming the Nuffield Trust.

The White Paper agrees with this principle, but the method of administration is entirely unacceptable to the voluntary hospitals. Whilst paying lip service to these free and uncontrolled institutions which give such magnificent service, its proposals mean that they will gradually lose their independence, because, firstly, no arrangements have been made for them to be effectively represented on the authorities responsible for hospital organisation. Secondly, the State does not intend to pay them a full maintenance cost (no mention is made in the White Paper of important things such as capital expenditure, new extensions, plant and equipment). This means that they will have to rely on voluntary contributions from the public, who will already be paying an all-in compulsory National Insurance to the Government. The financial position will therefore be precarious in this atmosphere of "free for all" health insurance. Thirdly, they will make contracts with local authority bodies, and as these joint hospital bodies will be the owners of the local authority hospitals the voluntary hospitals are likely to be put in a subordinate position.

The voluntary hospitals will, if the present proposals survive, be quietly but steadily submerged. The partnership between local authority and voluntary hospital, which the Government promised, is to be achieved by virtually placing the voluntary hospitals under the control of the local authority partner. What the White Paper proposals actually mean in practice is their elimination as autonomous organisations in a comparatively short space of time. These proposals will illustrate once more the urge to control even a form of voluntary organisation, which, while uncontrolled, has achieved a magnificent standard of service to the community. We all want to see the best possible hospital service. We want to see that everybody can make use of this service. Under proper conditions, I am sure the voluntary hospitals will throw in their

full weight to achieve this ideal. The British Medical Association has studied this very carefully and has put its proposals to the Government. I would like to outline these proposals to you. The British Medical Association urges the following local organisation. Pending the reform of areas and the functions of existing local government authorities which is to take place, there should be regional councils for national hospital and medical areas, not necessarily coterminous with local authority boundaries, but established by legislation, in place of the joint board structure proposed in the White Paper. These councils should be representative of local authorities, the medical profession and other vocational interests in the voluntary hospitals, the representatives to be appointed by the groups or bodies concerned. The functions of these Regional Councils would be to advise the Minister on the planning of all hospital and health services in the region, and on the disposition of centrally provided monies. Local health authorities would still continue, for the present, to own their institutions and would be required to conform to the general plan prepared by the Regional Council and approved by the Minister. Similarly, the voluntary hospitals would conform to the general plan, receiving their monies either wholly from the Minister, or partly from the local authorities, in accordance with the plan laid down by the Minister. This local organisation would go some way towards securing that true partnership we all want to see between local authorities and voluntary hospitals. The financial arrangements should be such as should make it reasonably practicable for voluntary hospitals to continue with their services and to embark on necessary extensions.

Might I remind you that the White Paper is a plan made by politicians for a service which will affect every citizen. Its proposals and implications should be studied and understood by everyone.

The White Paper is not legislation. It is only a proposal for future legislation and it has to be submitted to the country for careful scrutiny. Each part of it is open to criticism and open to the public to accept or reject in part or in whole. It can only be judged on its application to the individual. Each of its proposals must stand or fall according to the degree to which it serves the needs of free individuals in a free democracy. Those of its proposals which offer an organisation to a collection of people are fundamentally dangerous, for in sickness no one conforms to a pattern and a majority rule can never be relied upon. The whole art of medicine is concentrated in the care and treatment which the doctor gives to the individual.

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friend with a view to increasing
the interest in our great work.

